



Government workers and their supporters hold signs during a protest in Boston, Friday, Jan.11, 2019.

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Federal employees received pay stubs with nothing but zeros on them Friday as the effects of the government shutdown hit home,

deepening anxieties about mortgage payments and unpaid bills. All told, an estimated 800,000 government workers missed their paychecks for the first time since the shutdown began. Employees posted pictures of the pay statements

on Twitter and vented their frustration as the standoff over President Donald Trump's demand for \$5.7 billion for a border wall entered its 21st day. This weekend, it will become the longest shutdown in U.S. history. "I saw the zeros in my

pay stub today, and it's a combination of reality setting in and just sadness," air traffic controller Josh Maria told The Associated Press after tweeting a screenshot of his paystub.

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# Wisconsin man arrested in teen's abduction, parents' deaths

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**BARRON, Wis. (AP)** — A 21-year-old man shot a Wisconsin couple to death at their home in a scheme to kidnap their teenage daughter, then held the girl captive for three months before she managed to escape in an isolated north woods town, authorities said Friday.

Jayne Closs, 13, was skinny, disheveled and wearing shoes too big for her when she approached a stranger and pleaded for help Thursday in the small town of Gordon, where Jake Thomas Patterson lives.

Patterson was apparently out looking for her when he was arrested and jailed on kidnapping and homicide charges, Barron County Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald said. The news that Jayme was safe set off joy and relief 60 miles (96 kilometers) away in her hometown of Barron, population 3,300, ending an all-out search that gripped the state, with many people fearing the



This photo provided by the Barron County Sheriff's Department in Barron, Wis., shows Jake Thomas Patterson, of the Town of Gordon, Wis., who has been jailed on kidnapping and homicide charges in the October killing of a Wisconsin couple and abduction of their teen daughter, Jayme Closs.

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worst the longer she was missing.

"My legs started to shake. It was awesome. The stress, the relief — it was awesome," Fitzgerald said, describing the moment he learned Jayme had been found.

Jayne told one of the neighbors in Gordon who

took her in that she had walked away from a cabin where she had been held captive.

"She said that this person's name was Jake Patterson, 'he killed my parents and took me,'" said another one of the neighbors, Kristin Kasinkas. "She did not talk about why or how. She said she did not know him."

The sheriff said investigators are trying to figure out what happened to Jayme during her captivity and why she was seized, and gave no details on how she escaped except to say Patterson was not home at the time. He said there is no evidence Patterson knew Jayme or her family or had been in contact with her on social media.

"I know all of you are searching for the answer why any of this happened," Fitzgerald said. "Believe me, so are we."

The sheriff said that he did not know if Jayme had been physically abused but that she was hospitalized overnight for observation and released after an exam. Investigators were still interviewing her, and she was "doing as well as circumstances allow," he said.

Kasinkas called 911 to report the girl had been found after another neighbor out walking her dog

encountered Jayme and brought her to Kasinkas' house. Minutes later, Patterson was pulled over by a sheriff's deputy based on a description of his vehicle Jayme provided, authorities said.

He was scheduled for an initial court appearance Monday. It was not immediately known whether the unemployed Patterson had an attorney.

Jayne's grandfather, Robert Naiberg, said he had been praying for months for the call he received about his granddaughter. "I thought, 'Good for her she escaped,'" he said.

Jayne disappeared from her home near Barron after someone broke in and shot her parents, James and Denise Closs, on Oct. 15. The sheriff said investigators believe Patterson killed them in order to abduct the girl. Patterson tried to avoid leaving evidence at the scene of the killings, taking such steps as shaving his head beforehand, the sheriff said. A shotgun similar to the one used was recovered from the home where police believe Jayme was held, the sheriff said.

Property records show that the cabin belonged to Patterson's father at the time of Jayme's disappearance. Patterson worked for one day in 2016 at the

same Jennie-O turkey plant in Barron as Jayme's parents, Jennie-O Turkey Store President Steve Lykken said. Patterson quit the next day, saying he was moving from the area, Lykken said. But the sheriff said it did not appear Patterson interacted with them during his brief time working there.

Patterson had no criminal record, according to the sheriff. He graduated in 2015 from Northwood High School, where he was on the quiz bowl team and was a good student with a "great group of friends," said District Superintendent Jean Serum.

Kasinkas said she taught Patterson science in middle school, but added: "I don't really remember a ton about him."

"He seemed like a quiet kid," she said. "I don't recall anything that would have explained this, by any means."

The woman who first spotted Jayme on Thursday, Jeanne Nutter, said she was walking her dog along a rural road when a disheveled girl called out to her, grabbed her and revealed her name.

"I was terrified, but I didn't want to show her that," Nutter, a social worker who spent years working in child protection, told The Associated Press. "She just yelled, 'Please help me! I don't know where I am! I'm lost!'" Nutter took her to the home of Peter and Kristin Kasinkas. Jayme was quiet, her emotions "pretty flat," Peter Kasinkas said.

Jayne told the couple she didn't know where she was or anything about Gordon, a town of about 644 people in a heavily forested region where logging is the top industry. From what she told them, they believed she was there for most of her disappearance.

After Jayme vanished, detectives pursued thousands of tips, watched dozens of surveillance videos and conducted numerous searches. Officials recruited 2,000 volunteers for a huge ground search Oct. 23, but it yielded no clues. □

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# Federal workers get \$0 pay stubs as shutdown drags on

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"We're America. We can do better than this."

The missed paychecks were just one sign of the mounting toll the shutdown is taking on Americans' daily lives. The Miami airport is closing a terminal this weekend because security screeners have been calling in sick at twice the normal rate. Homebuyers are experiencing delays in getting their loans.

Roughly 420,000 federal employees were deemed essential and are working unpaid. An additional 380,000 are staying home without pay. While furloughed federal workers have been given back pay in previous shutdowns, there is no guarantee that will happen this time.

Workers are turning to Uber, Lyft and other side gigs to pick up some money in the meantime.

Ellen Jackson, a Transportation Security Administration officer based in Las Vegas,

is driving full time for a ride-share company to get by. The 59-year-old is planning to retire in April.

"I don't want to borrow any money," said Jackson, an Air Force veteran who said she makes about \$38,000 a year as a TSA officer. "I don't want to get into a deeper hole."

In Falls Church, Virginia, outside Washington, a school district held a hiring fair for furloughed federal employees interested in working as substitute teachers.

Geri French, who works for the Department of Agriculture's Food Inspection Service and has been furloughed along with her husband, liked the sound of substitute teaching.

"I think it's a really great school system, and this would be a great opportunity," French said.

Chris George, 48, of Hemet, California, has picked up some work as a handyman, turned to a crowdfunding site to raise some cash and

started driving at Lyft after being furloughed from his job as a forestry technician supervisor for the U.S. Forest Service.

But the side gigs aren't making much difference, and he has been trying to work with his mortgage company to avoid missing a payment.

"Here we are, Day 21, and all three parties cannot even negotiate like adults," he said, describing government workers like him as "being pawns for an agenda of a wall. You're not going to put a wall across the Rio Grande, I'm sorry."

Economists at S&P Global said the shutdown has cost the U.S. economy \$3.6 billion so far.

The typical federal em-

ployee makes \$37 an hour, which translates into \$1,480 a week, according to Labor Department data. That's nearly \$1.2 billion in lost pay each week, when multiplied by 800,000 federal workers.

Many workers live paycheck to paycheck, despite the strong economy and the ultra-low unemployment rate. A Federal Reserve survey in May found that 40 percent of Americans would have to borrow or sell something to make a \$400 emergency payment.

Maria, based in Washington, was already in a financially precarious situation because of two cross-country moves in 2018 and the birth of a premature

son. The shutdown has made matters much worse.

"I'm just not paying certain bills. Car payments are being delayed, which is going to put a hit on the credit," he said. "Credit card payments are being delayed." Maria took out a personal loan last week just in case. Now he is pulling his 4-year-old daughter out of day care and telling his 7-year-old son he cannot sign up for extracurricular activities. Most of the government workers received their last paycheck two weeks ago. Around the country, some workers are relying on donations, including launching GoFundMe campaigns. Food pantries have opened up in several locations. □

## Ex-Texas Rep. Farenthold quits lucrative port lobbying job

Associated Press

**VICTORIA, Texas (AP)** — A former Texas congressman who resigned last year amid sexual harassment allegations has quit his \$160,000-a-year lobbyist position for a port authority. The Calhoun Port Authority announced on Thursday that former Republican Rep. Blake Farenthold submitted his resignation this month, the Victoria Advocate reported. The port's board declined to comment further.

Farenthold's resignation letter said he left the lucrative position lobbying for a port in his ex-district "to pursue other interests and opportunities."

The newspaper raised questions about the former congressman's lobbying post in August after obtaining emails that show Farenthold's office had allegedly

tried to steer a federal contract to the company of port chairman Randy Boyd, who gave him the job. According to the emails, Farenthold's office arranged a meeting in May 2015 between Boyd and the Army Corps of Engineers about a government project, but federal officials declined to work with Boyd's company. The Victoria Advocate sued the port over allegations of open meetings law violations when it hired Farenthold.

The lawsuit, which is still pending, originally sought to void the port's hiring of Farenthold. With his resignation, the newspaper plans to continue seeking injunctive relief to prohibit the port from making similar violations in the future, said John Griffin, an attorney representing the newspaper. □

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# Texas set to remove Confederate plaque from state Capitol

By **PAUL J. WEBER**  
Associated Press

**AUSTIN, Texas (AP)** — Texas Gov. Greg Abbott agreed Friday to remove a plaque in the state Capitol that rejects slavery as the underlying cause of the Civil War, bending after years of resistance by state Republican leaders in the face of Confederate monuments falling nationwide.

A unanimous vote by the State Preservation Board, which Abbott chairs, ordered the removal of the 60-year-old plaque that pledges to teach “the truths of history,” adding that “one of the most important of which is that the war between the states was not a rebellion, nor was its underlying cause to sustain slavery.”

The plaque is among nearly a dozen Confederate markers in and around the Texas Capitol. It's the first slated to come down since the deadly 2017 white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, that led to the removal of a string of Confederate monuments nationwide.

But Abbott and state leaders resisted acting on similar calls in Texas, and the governor made no comment



**Members of the State Preservation Board, state Rep. Jeff Leach, R-Plano, House Speaker Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, Gov. Greg Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and citizen board member Aletha Swann Bugg during a meeting of the State Preservation Board at the Capitol on Friday January 11, 2019.**

after Friday's vote. Texas Republicans had been resolute after the Charlottesville rally that tearing down Confederate markers wouldn't change history, but pressure intensified after a black lawmaker from Dallas began condemning the plaque that hangs near his Capitol office as historically indefensible.

Dallas state Rep. Eric Johnson appeared unsure af-

ter Friday's vote whether efforts to remove other Confederate symbols at the Texas Capitol would become easier. “Why shouldn't we be able to talk about the monuments on the Capitol grounds or anything else,” Johnson said. “I don't think it's a conversation we should be afraid to have, not in 2019 in America, in Texas.”

The State Preservation

Board is governed by Texas' three most powerful Republicans — Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and newly chosen House Speaker Dennis Bonnen. They quickly voted to remove the plaque with no discussion and left without speaking to about a dozen reporters in the room. None of their offices immediately returned messages for comment.

The plaque was first hung in

1959. It remained mounted to wall next to a staircase in the Capitol after the vote, and it was unclear when it would be removed.

Texas has taken down Confederate plaques before. In 2000, then-Gov. George W. Bush's administration removed two Confederate memorial plaques in the state Supreme Court building following pressure from the Texas NAACP.

But Texas Republican leaders since then have stood firm as scrutiny over Confederate monuments intensified in recent years. Following the Charlottesville rally in August 2017, Abbott said racism and hate-filled violence was never acceptable, but that “tearing down monuments won't erase our nation's past.”

Two months later, Johnson and Abbott discussed the plaque in a private meeting, which ended with both sides offering conflicting accounts of the conversation. Abbott's office pushed back on Johnson saying the governor indicated support for taking it down, but later said that “substantially inaccurate historical statements” don't belong on display at the Capitol. □

Associated Press

## US flu season poised to be milder than last year's harsh one

By **MIKE STOBBE**  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — It's early, but the current flu season is shaping up to be gentler than last winter's unusually brutal one, U.S. health officials said.

In most parts of the country, most illnesses right now are being caused by a flu strain that leads to fewer hospitalizations and deaths as the kind of flu that dominated a year ago, according to officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Vaccines also work better against it, said the CDC's Dr. Alicia Fry.

So is the U.S. in for a milder flu season?

“If (this strain) continues to be the predominant virus, that is what we'd expect,”



**In this Friday, Feb. 9, 2018 file photo, Henry Beverly, 73, battles the flu while tended to by nurse Kathleen Burks at Upson Regional Medical Center in Thomaston, Ga.**

Fry said.

Last season, an estimated 80,000 Americans died of flu and its complications — the disease's highest death toll in at least four decades.

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In recent years, flu-related deaths have ranged from about 12,000 to 56,000, according to the CDC.

The CDC has no estimate of deaths so far this sea-

son, partly because it's so early. Flu usually takes off after Christmas and peaks around February.

On Friday, the CDC released its regular weekly flu update, showing that it was reported to be widespread in 30 states last week, up from 24 the week before. The health agency also released new estimates of how the flu season is playing out. It said:

—About 6 million to 7 million Americans have become ill since flu season kicked off in the fall.

—About half were sick enough to go to see a doctor.

—Roughly 70,000 to 80,000 have been hospitalized.

The CDC usually doesn't make those estimates until

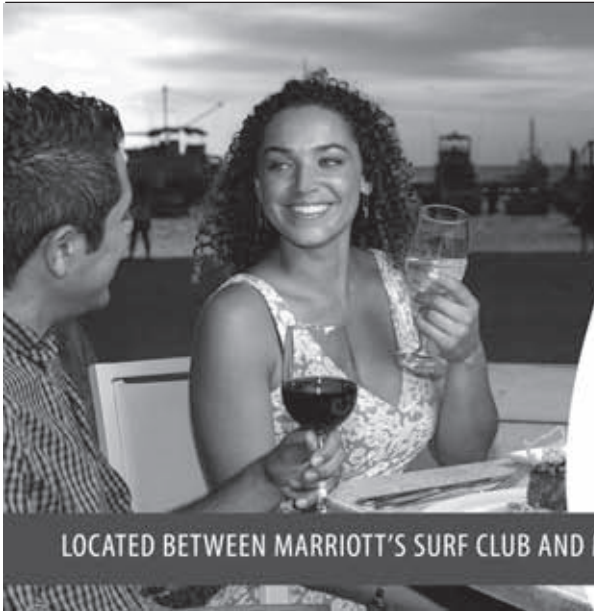
a flu season is over, but researchers have been working on the model for nearly a decade and believe it is sound enough to use while the season is still going on, officials said.

Because the model is new, CDC researchers said they aren't able to compare those estimates to previous flu seasons.

Last season, an estimated 49 million Americans got sick from the flu, 23 million went for medical care and 960,000 were hospitalized.

Some doctors and nurses were anxious going into this flu season, considering how bad last year was, said Dr. James Steinberg, chief medical officer at Emory University Hospital Midtown in Atlanta. □





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## Florida pardons 4 black men accused of 1949 rape

By **BRENDAN FARRINGTON**  
Associated Press

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)** —

After a dramatic, hour-long meeting that recalled events from nearly seven decades ago, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and the state's three-member Cabinet granted posthumous pardons Friday to four African-American men accused of raping a white woman in a 1949 case now seen as a racial injustice. The case of the men known as the Groveland Four has been documented in a book and is considered a blight on Florida's history. One of the four was killed before he could be charged and the other three were convicted on dubious evidence.

The families of the men accused of the assault told DeSantis and the Cabinet — meeting as the clemency board — that there is overwhelming evidence the men were innocent and there was no rape. The woman who was 17 when she said she was raped, sat in a wheelchair and later told Gov. DeSantis and the Cabinet the rape did indeed happen, saying she was dragged from a car, had a gun put to her head and was told not to scream or they would “blow your brains out.”

At one point, the two sides briefly clashed. Beverly Robinson, a niece of one of the Groveland Four, was speaking to the governor and the Cabinet when she turned to the woman and her sons.

“It never happened. You all



In this Jan. 10, 2019 file photo, Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis announces funding for his environmental policy during a press conference at Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota, Fla.

Associated Press

are liars,” Robinson said. “That’s enough out of you,” the woman said.

“I know it’s enough out of me. It’s always enough when you’re telling the truth,” Robinson replied.

The unanimous vote to pardon came almost two years after the state House and Senate voted to formally apologize to relatives of the Groveland Four and to ask then-Gov. Rick Scott to pardon the men. Scott, now a U.S. senator, never took action. DeSantis replaced Scott on Tuesday and made the pardons a priority.

“I don’t know that there’s any way you can look at this case and think that those ideals of justice were

satisfied. Indeed, they were perverted time and time again, and I think the way this was carried out was a miscarriage of justice,” DeSantis said.

The ordeal began in Lake County in 1949, when the then-17-year-old said she had been raped. Three of the men were arrested and severely beaten; a fourth, Ernest Thomas, fled.

A posse of about 1,000 men was formed to hunt down Thomas. He was shot 400 times when they found him sleeping under a tree. White residents also formed a mob and went to a black neighborhood, burning houses and firing guns into homes in a disturbance that took days to quell.

Thurgood Marshall, later the first African-American justice on the U.S. Supreme Court, took up Irvin and Shepherd’s appeals for the NAACP, and in 1951 the U.S. Supreme Court ordered new trials.

Just before those trials began, Lake County Sheriff Willis McCall shot Irvin and Shepherd, claiming the handcuffed men tried to escape as he transferred them from prison to a jail. Shepherd died. Irvin was shot in the neck and survived despite an ambulance refusing to transport him because he was black. He was again convicted, even though a former FBI agent testified that prosecutors manufactured evi-

dence against him.

Charges were never brought against any white law enforcement officers or prosecutors who handled the cases.

Irvin was paroled in 1968 and found dead in his car while returning to Lake County for a funeral a year later.

Greenlee was paroled in 1960 and died in 2012.

Greenlee’s daughter, Carol Greenlee, told DeSantis and the Cabinet that there was overwhelming evidence that her father was innocent.

“He was accused, put in jail and tortured for something he didn’t do,” she said.

The woman who said she was raped disputed the families’ stories.

“Y’all just don’t know what kind of horror I’ve been through for all these many years,” she said. “I don’t want them pardoned, no I do not, and you wouldn’t neither. I know (Robinson) called me a liar, but I’m not no liar.”

Afterward, state Sen. Gary Farmer, who sponsored the 2017 resolution apologizing to the families, said the woman’s comments were disappointing.

“She’s now here at the end of her life and she had a chance to come clean, to seek forgiveness for herself and to support the justice these four families and these four men deserve,” Farmer said. “It’s very said that she lost this opportunity and continues to perpetuate this lie. This crime did not happen. The evidence is overwhelming.” □



# Huge migrant teen detention camp in Texas shutting down

By The Associated Press

**TORNILLO, Texas (AP)** —

The nonprofit running what once was the largest U.S. detention camp housing migrant teenagers said the last children left the facility Friday.

The tent city in Tornillo, Texas, is shutting down, and all tents and equipment will be removed from the site by the end of January, said Krista Piferrer, spokeswoman of BCFS Health and Human Services.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which oversees the care of migrant children, did not provide further details. But a spokesman said last month that the center had stopped receiving new referrals.

The Tornillo facility with capacity for 360 children opened in June in an isolated pocket of the Texas desert. It expanded into a guarded detention camp that held more than 2,700 largely Central American teens in rows of canvas tents.

At that point, more people were detained in Tornillo's tent city than in all but one of the nation's 204 federal prisons. Rising from the cotton fields and dusty roads not far from the dark fence marking the border between the U.S. and Mexico, the camp had rows of



This undated file photo provided by the Administration for Children and Families, a division of the Department of Health and Human Services, shows the shelter used to house unaccompanied migrant children in Tornillo, Texas.

beige tents and golf carts that ferried staffers carrying walkie-talkies. Teens with identical haircuts and government-issued shirts and pants could be seen walking single file from tent to tent, flanked by staff at the front and back.

Politicians and advocates for immigrants and human rights protested at the site over the seven months it was open, with some even taking up vigils.

"It was chilling to see thousands of children locked up in a tent prison in the desert. It's great news that those children have finally

been moved out of Tornillo," said Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley, a Democrat who in December introduced the Shut Down Child Prison Camps Act.

The tent city came under fire in November after a report that the Trump administration had waived FBI fingerprint checks for the 2,100 staff working there and allowed BCFS to staff just one mental health clinician for every 100 children. Lawmakers called for stricter background checks, more mental health support and a public hearing to further investigate prob-

lems at Tornillo raised by a federal watchdog report and an Associated Press investigation.

Some lawmakers said they were pleased to hear about the closure of the facility but warned that other detention centers holding migrant teens are still open. "It's a weight off my shoulders to have children now with family members. If you're trying to use kids to fix a broken immigration system, then you have a real problem," said Rep. Will Hurd, a Texas Republican whose district includes the detention camp.

Other representatives expressed concerns about the expansion of other detention facilities for migrant youth. U.S. Rep. Frederica Wilson, a Florida Democrat, said she is worried about increasing the number of beds in a facility south of Miami. Last month, the government announced it would house more teens in the Homestead shelter, expanding the total number of beds from 1,350 to 2,350. "Instead of putting these children with family and a public school, they are warehousing these kids," Wilson said.

"For most of these children that we have in detention, we have sponsors that have volunteered to take them and to sort of act as foster parents until their asylum cases have been heard."

Neha Desai, immigration director at the Oakland-based National Center for Youth Law, welcomed the closure Friday but said many more remain in federal custody.

"We cannot forget that there continue to be thousands of children detained in facilities that fail to meet the basic medical, mental health and educational needs of children," Desai said. "These children should be home with their families." □

## Faith-based shelter fights to keep out transgender women

By RACHEL D'ORO

Associated Press

**ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)** —

A conservative Christian law firm that has pushed religious issues in multiple states will urge a U.S. judge on Friday to block Alaska's largest city from requiring a faith-based women's shelter to accept transgender women.

Alliance Defending Freedom has sued the city of Anchorage to stop it from applying a gender identity law to the Hope Center shelter, which denied entry to a transgender woman. The lawsuit says homeless shelters are exempt from



This Nov. 1, 2018, file photo shows the Hope Center women's shelter in downtown Anchorage, Alaska.

Associated Press

the local law and that constitutional principles of freedom of religion are at

stake.

"The case is really about whether the Hope Center

can operate according to its religious beliefs to provide the things that it does to the homeless population in Anchorage," Kate Anderson, an attorney for the Scottsdale, Arizona-based Alliance Defending Freedom said before the court hearing.

The shelter operators filed a federal lawsuit against the city and its Equal Rights Commission in August, months after a transgender woman complained to the commission that she was denied housing at the shelter.

The city says it was premature for the shelter to ask a

judge to block the law because the commission's investigation wasn't finished, largely because the shelter wasn't cooperating.

The investigation is now on hold.

The plaintiffs maintain the person identified only as "Jessie Doe" showed up inebriated after hours in January 2018 and was not turned away because of gender.

The shelter officials even paid for a taxi to take her to a hospital for treatment of a forehead wound from fighting at another shelter, according to alliance attorneys. □



# North Dakota House considers 'abortion reversal' bill



In this Feb. 20, 2013 file photo, an abortion protester stands outside the Red River Valley Women's Clinic in Fargo, N.D., the state's lone abortion facility.

By **JAMES MacPHERSON**  
Associated Press  
**BISMARCK, N.D. (AP)** — North Dakota's House will consider legislation that would require abortion providers to inform women

undergoing drug-induced abortions that it's possible they could still have a live birth if they change their mind, a claim abortion-rights groups say is unsupported by science.

Associated Press

## Police kill armed man at Oregon school amid custody dispute

By **ANDREW SELSKY**  
**GILLIAN FLACCUS**  
Associated Press  
**EUGENE, Ore. (AP)** — Police fatally shot a man Friday who showed up with a gun at an Oregon middle school amid a custody dispute, but no one else was injured, authorities said. The man was being escorted from Cascade Middle School in the city of Eugene when he began struggling and pulled out a gun, police Lt. Jennifer Bills told reporters. She initially said the shooting was inside the school. Students were locked in classrooms, and the school was locked down for nearly four hours while police investigated in the city about 110 miles (177 kilometers) south of Portland and home of the University of Oregon.

By Friday afternoon, officers were escorting small groups of children to a church across the street where parents had gathered. Yellow crime scene tape surrounded the school's main parking lot and a yellow tarp covered the suspect's body, which lay just a few feet from one entrance. "No students were harmed whatsoever. All the students are safe," Bills said. Parent Stephanie Martin waited for her two children at the church. She said her son, who is in sixth grade, called her to say he was OK and so was his sister, who is in the seventh grade. "The kids are all safe, that's all we know. But that's all I care about," Martin said. "It's crazy, the world is crazy." □

It's the first time in six years the Republican-led Legislature has had the appetite to undertake such legislation, after several anti-abortion laws were struck down in the courts and two of the most vocal anti-abortion lawmakers were booted by voters. GOP Rep. Daniel Johnston said he is sponsoring the bill this session so that "women having second thoughts" are ensured they have "options." The so-called "abortion reversal" measure would require abortion practitioners to notify women undergoing medical abortions, in which two drugs are taken separately, that they may be able to discontinue the

abortion if they don't take the second drug. There is no medical evidence to support that claim that the procedure can be reversed, said Elizabeth Nash, state issues manager at the New York-based Guttmacher Institute, an abortion rights research organization. "What this amounts to is essentially misinformation because the science isn't there," Nash said. Planned Parenthood spokeswoman Jen Aulwes agreed that the science was flawed said there is no medically accepted evidence that a drug-induced abortion can be interrupted. Medication abortions at

the state's lone abortion clinic, the Red River Women's Clinic in Fargo, involve the use of mifepristone and misoprostol. Clinic director Tammi Kromenaker said up to 40 percent of the 1,150 abortions the clinic performs each year are done by using a combination of the two drugs. "North Dakota politicians are once again intruding into the doctor-patient relationship rather than looking out for the well being of North Dakota women," Kromenaker said. "Legislating a speculative medical theory is a really bad idea and would not be given serious consideration for any other type of medical care." □

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# Dug in at roundabouts, yellow vest protesters keep up fight

By **SAMUEL PETREQUIN**  
**Associated Press**

**SENLIS, France (AP)** — The roundabout outside Senlis in the northern Oise region close to the busiest of France's highways is more than just asphalt with cars and trucks circling around it.

With its makeshift grocery, camp beds and community spirit, the large central island about 60 kilometers (35 miles) north of Paris has been transformed over the past two months into an encampment where dozens of yellow vest protesters gather day in, day out to organize their long-standing fight against the French government.

Like the reflective fluorescent safety vests, occupied roundabouts have become a trademark of the protest movement shaking up France that was initially triggered by the rising cost of fuel but has since morphed into a broader anti-government revolt. Despite a call last month from French authorities to free the traffic circles, and the 10 killed in road accidents since the protests started, yellow vest activists have continued to occupy roundabouts. Before



Protestors wearing yellow vests stand next to a fire in a makeshift camp on a roundabout near Senlis, north of Paris, Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019.

a ninth straight weekend of planned protests in Paris and across France, demonstrators in Senlis are adamant they are digging in for the long haul.

"We've got all we need to hold a siege," said Nicole, a 64-year-old retiree in charge of running the grocery.

Most of the people interviewed by The Associated Press this week in Senlis declined to give their full names for fear of being

identified by police. At least two of them have been arrested and detained during previous demonstrations in Paris that have often turned violent.

Fearing more incidents, France authorities are preparing to deploy around 80,000 officers across the country on Saturday.

Nicknamed "Mini Little Mouse" by other protesters, Nicole cooks the fresh vegetables donated by yellow vest supporters,

makes coffee for all and ensures that the pasta and rice are properly stored in the wooden shelves in the makeshift building.

For her and many protesters, money is the biggest problem. "They (the government) took 30 euros from my pension, this is not normal," she said, her voice drowned out by the noise of the truck drivers driving around the roundabout and honking in support of the protest. "I've worked

for 41 years. I'm not robbing anyone. I'm demanding my due." Nicole says her income is about 800 euros a month. It's a frosty morning across much of France but the vibes are warm on the roundabout. Nicole and her companions have set up a fire pit where they can stand around and enjoy the warmth of the flames. After hanging on through the festive season, they say they won't leave the roundabout unless President Emmanuel Macron's government gives in to their demands. "Have a look, we've got a petanque court," said Michel, a 69-year-old retiree, referring to the boules sports very popular in the country. "It feels good here. We call this place the yellow vest camping. Come back in July, we'll have a swimming pool!" On a more serious note, 29-year-old Tristan says he would be more than happy to return home. He has been involved in protests since Nov. 17 and has been banned from traveling to Paris during weekends to attend demonstrations in the French capital after he was arrested in possession of a gas mask. □

# Corruption trial urged for former French PM Fillon and wife

By **ELAINE GANLEY**  
**Associated Press**

**PARIS (AP)** — France's financial prosecutor's office has asked that former Prime Minister Francois Fillon and his wife be sent to trial on corruption charges. Fillon, who at one point was the front-runner in France's 2017 presidential race, saw his bid unravel over allegations he paid his wife Penelope and two of their children more than 1 million euros (\$1.1 million) over many years for jobs as parliamentary aides that involved no sustained work. Fillon, 64, has denied wrongdoing. He contends the allegations were a smear campaign to undo his presidential bid.



In this Sunday, April 23, 2017 file photo, French conservative presidential candidate Francois Fillon addresses his supporters in Paris.

An official in the financial prosecutor's office confirmed press reports Friday that a demand to send the pair to trial was made. The official wasn't authorized to

speak publicly. The investigating judge handling the case can accept or reject the prosecutors' request to put the couple on trial. Fillon was handed pre-

liminary charges in March 2017, including for misuse of public funds, receiving money from misuse of public funds and company assets and improper declaration of assets. His wife was also charged that year with misuse of public funds, receiving money from a misuse of company assets and receiving money from a fraud.

Fillon kept on running for president despite the corruption investigation, which he denounced as a "political assassination."

From the start of 2017, when the investigation began, Fillon had to limit his campaign events to political rallies and a few visits under high security to avoid anti-

corruption protesters shouting "Fillon in prison!"

The 2017 election was won by Emmanuel Macron, a young upstart centrist.

Fillon served as prime minister under President Nicolas Sarkozy from 2007 to 2012. He had served five times as a government official under two previous presidents, Francois Mitterrand and Jacques Chirac.

In 1981, Fillon was elected to parliament for the first time, representing Sablesur-Sarthe, a small town in rural western France where the family lives in a turreted home surrounded by a vast garden. At 27, he was the youngest lawmaker in the lower house of parliament, the National Assembly. □





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## Norway: Private tycoon goes public with wife's disappearance

By MARK LEWIS  
Associated Press

STAVANGER, Norway (AP)

— Tom Hagen and his wife expected to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in 2019. Today, one of Norway's wealthiest men just wants to know that Anne-Elizabeth Falkevik Hagen, the childhood sweetheart he married at age 19, is alive.

Her disappearance and suspected abduction from the couple's home on Halloween has gripped a small, wealthy Scandinavian country with the fourth-lowest homicide rate of 36 European countries. Some argue that violent crime happens infrequently enough among the 5.3 million Norwegians that police are unprepared when it does occur.

The family and local police investigators kept the case secret for more than a month. But with leads drying up in the discreet probe, no suspects and the risk of witnesses forgetting vital information as more days passed, the family gave police the greenlight to go public with the case on Jan. 8. The following day, word was out.

"It has been a topic for some time," Svein Holden, the Hagen family's lawyer, told The Associated Press. "When the police came to us saying this is the next necessary step in the investigation, the family trusted the police."

The revelation turbocharged the investigation. Police released security videos of men walking back and forth outside Tom Hagen's workplace. More than 200 tips poured in. Officers and police dogs were seen scouring the grounds around the couple's home. A ransom for the miss-

ing woman's release was demanded with "serious threats," police said.

in his wife's whereabouts as well as the trauma of not knowing himself if she is

his throat smashed his teeth and broke his jaw. But Osen managed to flee before

camp run by the left-wing Labor Party's youth wing. Anders Behring Breivik is serving a 21-year prison sentence for carrying out a terror attack.

Two days before she vanished, Anne-Elizabeth Falkevik Hagen was serving a friend coffee at her and her husband's home in Loerenskog, east of Oslo and some 50 kilometers (30 miles) from the Swedish border.

"She is a very nice, charming, decent and beautiful woman, and they had a good relationship in their marriage, where she encouraged him in his life and his work," Glenn Hartmann-Hansen, a former colleague of Tom Hagen's who has known the couple for half of their marriage.

Nestled between a secluded forest and more densely built housing blocks, the house they have lived in since 1982 is modest by multimillionaire standards. Tom Hagen isn't one to flash his fortune, Hartmann-Hansen said.

"He is a normal guy with a normal house ... who walks to his work and brings his packed lunch in his pocket," he said.

The property seemed to escape notice even though the people who lived there were rich. Many Norwegians would recognize it now from news coverage about the woman of the house who went missing on Halloween.

Holden said his client now hopes the extra attention might persuade the people believed to be holding her to make contact.

"Their aim is to get a proof of life, and if they get proof that she is alive then they are prepared to start a process to get her back safely," Holden said. □



Police cordon off the home of Norwegian billionaire Tom Hagen and his wife Anne-Elizabeth Falkevik Hagen in Fjellhamar, Norway, Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019.

Associated Press

They declined to give the amount, but Norwegian newspaper VG said it was for 9 million euros (\$10.3 million) to be paid in Monero, a cryptocurrency considered popular among cyber-criminals.

Tom Hagen, the second-oldest in a farming family of 12 children, struck it rich in the real estate business he started in 1978. Last year, financial magazine Kapital estimated his fortune to be worth nearly 1.7 billion kroner (\$200 million), wealthy but not uber-rich in Norway. The magazine put Hagen 172nd on its list of the country's wealthiest people.

Known for being a modest and private man, Hagen has had to cope with the glare from public interest

safe or suffering.

He and the couple's three children "are dealing with the fact that this is the main topic in all of Norway, and that is what they are feeling," said Holden, the lawyer. "It is an extra burden but they rely on the police. They have to put their own feelings in the background."

Police have informed international police agency Interpol, which on January 10 put Anne-Elizabeth on the list of missing persons, raising fear she might have been taken out of Norway. Four years ago, Reidar Osen, a wealthy Norwegian art dealer, was kidnapped in Bergen, southwestern Norway. He was beaten and partially buried. The gun jammed down

his abductors received the 2 million kroner (\$200,000) ransom they demanded.

The three suspects also escaped. Osen says his kidnappers spoke through their ski masks with accents that sounded eastern European. He felt badly let down when police failed to catch them and feared the image of law enforcement inaction or ineffectiveness would embolden potential copycats.

"I was worried that similar things could happen again," Olsen told the AP. "I knew it would."

The same had been said after a right-wing extremist killed 77 people in 2011, eight with a car bomb he set off in Oslo and another 69 when he opened fire at the nearby island summer



# A timeline of the US involvement in Syria's conflict

**By The Associated Press**

**BEIRUT (AP)** — America's four-year involvement in Syria's civil war may soon be coming to an end, after U.S. officials announced Friday that the process of withdrawal from the country has begun.

A defense official in Washington said some military cargo has been pulled out, part of what the military calls the start of a "deliberate withdrawal" from Syria, where about 2,000 troops have been working with a coalition of Syrian Kurdish and Arab fighters to defeat the remnants of the Islamic State group.

U.S. President Donald Trump announced the plans for the withdrawal abruptly last month.

The U.S. involvement in the war-torn country has shifted from working quietly behind the scenes to support rebels to overt displays of U.S. force and a gradually widening footprint in an attempt to shape the fight.

The following is a timeline of the U.S.'s involvement in Syria's conflict that erupted in March 2011.

March 2011: Protests erupt in the southern Syrian city of Daraa over security forces' detention of a group of boys accused of painting anti-government graffiti on the walls of their school. Demonstrations spread, as does the crackdown by President Bashar Assad's



In this file picture taken on Thursday, March 29, 2018, of U.S.-backed Syrian Manbij Military Council stands next to U.S. humvee at a U.S. troop's outpost in Manbij, Syria.

forces.

August 2011: President Barack Obama calls on Assad to resign and orders Syrian government assets frozen.

June 2013: U.S. officials conclude that Assad's forces had used chemical weapons against the opposition. Obama authorizes direct support for the rebels.

Aug. 20, 2012: Obama famously describes the use by Assad's government of chemical weapons a "red line" that would draw U.S. retaliation.

Aug. 21, 2013: Hundreds of people suffocate in rebel-held suburbs of the Syrian capital. U.N. investigators

visit the sites and determine that ground-to-ground missiles loaded with sarin were fired on civilian areas while residents slept. The U.S. and others blame the Syrian government.

Aug. 31, 2013: Obama says he will go to Congress for authorization to carry out punitive strikes against the Syrian government, but appears to lack the necessary support in the legislature. He is widely criticized for not committing to his "red line" comment.

Summer of 2014: The U.S. administration reveals that several dozen special operations troops had been on the ground in Syria briefly in

an effort to rescue foreign hostages taken by the Islamic State group, but did not find them.

Sept. 22, 2014: Obama launches a U.S. air campaign against the Islamic State in Syria, one month after launching airstrikes in neighboring Iraq. To date, the U.S.-led coalition has launched airstrikes on at least 17,000 locations in Syria since the start of the operation.

Late 2015: The first American ground troops enter Syria — initially 50, growing to the current official total of about 2,000. They recruit, organize and advise thousands of Syrian Kurdish and

Arab fighters, dubbed the Syrian Democratic Forces, and push IS out of most of its strongholds.

November 24, 2016: Senior Chief Petty Officer Scott Cooper Dayton, 42, of Woodbridge, Virginia, is killed in an improvised explosive device blast near the northern Syrian town of Ayn Issa, becoming the first American casualty in combat in the fight against IS in Syria.

April 4, 2017: More than 90 people are killed in a suspected nerve gas attack on the town of Khan Sheikhoun in the rebel-held Idlib province. Moscow and Damascus deny responsibility.

April 5, 2017: Trump says Assad's government has "crossed a lot of lines" with the suspected chemical attack in Syria and a day later, the U.S. fires 59 cruise missiles into Syria in retaliation — the first direct American assault on the Syrian government.

March 30, 2018: U.S. Master Sgt. Jonathan J. Dunbar is killed by a roadside bomb attack in Syria alongside a British serviceman.

April 7, 2018: Syrian activists, rescuers and medics say a poison gas attack on the rebel-held town of Douma near the capital has killed at least 40 people. The Syrian government and Russia reject the allegations, saying the purported evidence of the chemical weapons attack was fabricated. □

## Russia dismisses reports of prisoner swap with US

**Associated Press**

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Russia's Foreign Ministry on Friday dismissed suggestions that an American arrested in Moscow on suspicion of spying could be used in a prisoner swap for a Russian held in the United States. Paul Whelan, a former U.S. Marine, was arrested in Moscow last month on suspicion of espionage. Whelan's arrest raised speculation that he could be swapped for one of the Russians held in the U.S. such as gun rights ac-



This undated file photo provided by the Whelan family shows Paul Whelan in Iceland.

tivist Maria Butina, who has pleaded guilty to act-

ing as a foreign agent in the U.S.

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But Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said at a briefing that Whelan is accused of espionage and will face trial. "At the current stage, there is no talk about any sort of exchange," she said, dismissing a possible swap as "speculations and fakes." Zakharova also said Russia would allow diplomats from Britain, Ireland and Canada as well as the U.S. to visit Whelan, who holds four citizenships. Yevgeny Yenikejev, a

prisoner rights activist, told the Interfax news agency he visited Moscow's Lefortovo Prison, where Whelan is being held. He said Whelan's cell was recently repaired and has hot water, a toilet and a TV. But Yenikejev said prison officials didn't let him or other activists see or talk to Whelan, saying that authorities said he doesn't speak Russian and they could not monitor a conversation in English. He said the activists will try to visit Whelan again. □



# Ex-Nissan chair Ghosn indicted for alleged breach of trust

By YURI KAGEYAMA  
Associated Press

**TOKYO (AP)** — Nissan's ex-chairman Carlos Ghosn was charged Friday with breach of trust, according to the Tokyo District Court, making the star executive's release unlikely for months to come.

Ghosn, arrested Nov. 19, was earlier charged with falsifying financial reports in underreporting his income by about 5 billion yen (\$44 million) over five years through 2015.

Ghosn; Greg Kelly, another Nissan executive; and Nissan as a legal entity also were charged Friday with additional underreporting of income, from 2015 through mid-2018.

Ghosn's lawyer Motonari Ohtsuru filed a request that Ghosn be released on bail. His detention period for the breach of trust allegations would have expired Friday if charges had not been filed.

Kelly and Nissan were not charged with breach of trust. Those allegations center on Ghosn's handling of investment losses and payments made to a Saudi businessman.

Ghosn, 64, says he's inno-



A security official stands guard in front of Tokyo Detention Center, where former Nissan chairman Carlos Ghosn is detained, in Tokyo Friday, Jan. 11, 2019.

cent.

Suspects in Japan are routinely held for months until trials start, and Tokyo prosecutors maintain that Ghosn, a Brazilian-born Frenchman of Lebanese ancestry, is a flight risk.

Earlier this week Ghosn told a Tokyo court he was innocent, in his first public appearance since his arrest, and appealed for his detention to end. But the

court rejected that request.

"I have a genuine love and appreciation for Nissan," Ghosn told the court. "In all of my efforts on behalf of the company, I have acted honorably, legally and with the knowledge and approval of the appropriate executives inside the company."

He said the compensation was never decided on, the investment deal never

resulted in any losses to Nissan, and the payments to the Saudi businessman were for legitimate services related to dealers and investments in the Gulf.

Ghosn remains CEO of Nissan's alliance partner Renault, though he was dismissed as chairman of Nissan and fellow alliance company Mitsubishi Motor Co.

Renault has stuck by Ghosn

Associated Press

since his arrest but faces pressure to find a successor as his jail time drags on and questions mount about executive payment schemes used by the carmaker and related companies.

The Renault board of directors held a special meeting Thursday night to discuss internal reviews of executive pay prompted by Ghosn's arrest. It declared that no fraud was found in 2017-2018 but it is still examining previous years. Its shares fell slightly Friday morning after those announcements.

Ghosn, who appeared much thinner than before his arrest, came down with a fever the day after his court appearance, but has since recovered, Ohtsuru, the lawyer, said.

His wife Carole Ghosn issued a statement overnight out of Paris, expressing concern over his sickness.

"I am pleading with the Japanese authorities to provide us with any information at all about my husband's health. We are fearful and very worried his recovery will be complicated while he continues to endure such harsh conditions and unfair treatment," she said.

# Taiwan leader appoints new premier following election loss

By TAIJING WU  
Associated Press

**TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)** — Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen appointed a close political ally as premier during a Cabinet reshuffle Friday following the ruling party's heavy election losses and growing pressure from rival China.

Su Tseng-chang took charge of the Cabinet amid tense relations with Beijing, which threatens to use force to take control of the island it claims as its own. China responded to Tsai's 2016 victory by cutting all contacts with her government and has ratcheted up economic and diplomatic pressure on the self-governing democracy. The opposition Nationalist Party, which favors closer



Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen, center, holds hands with Su Tseng-chang, right, and William Lai in Taipei, Taiwan, Friday, Jan. 11, 2019.

ties with Beijing, won 15 of 22 major seats in the Nov. 24 local elections, including in the ruling Democratic Progressive Party's southern stronghold of Kaohsiung. Soon after, Tsai resigned as

chair of the DPP, which rejects China's demands for unification with the mainland.

Analysts attributed the DPP's election losses to disappointment with the

performance of Tsai's government, which had won a broad mandate, including seizing a majority in the legislature from the Nationalists for the first time since full democracy was attained three decades ago.

"The people expect us to improve livelihoods. The people expect us to protect democracy. The people expect us to safeguard sovereignty," Tsai said at a ceremony at the Presidential Office Building.

"These challenges need an experienced premier such as Su Tseng-chang to overcome."

Su thanked Tsai for her trust and support, adding, "Now, I will lead the team and roll up my sleeves to satisfy the people's expectations and respond to

people's interests." China's pressure campaign has increased Taiwan's international isolation, reducing its number of diplomatic allies to just 17, excluding its representatives to international gatherings, and forcing international companies to designate Taiwan as a part of China. Chinese President Xi Jinping renewed the threat of invasion in a Jan. 2 address, saying the ruling communists "made no promises to abandon the use of force."

The island's high-tech economy continues to grow at a sluggish pace, and salaries for graduates have remained flat, increasing the lure of opportunities in China. Efforts at pension and fiscal reform have also been unpopular. □

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# Maduro foe says he's ready to replace the president

By SCOTT SMITH

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— The head of Venezuela's opposition-run congress said Friday that he's prepared to step into the nation's presidency temporarily to replace Nicolas Maduro, whose inauguration has been rejected as illegitimate by most countries in the hemisphere. National Assembly President Juan Guaido made the statement to an energized crowd blocking a busy Caracas street a day after Maduro's inauguration to a second term. "Guaido for president!" the crowd chanted. "Out with Maduro!"

But Guaido said he'd need support from the public, the armed forces and the international community before trying to form a transitional government to hold new elections to replace Maduro.

"The constitution gives me the legitimacy to carry out the charge of the presidency over the country to call elections," Guaido said. "But I need backing from the citizens to make



Juan Guaido, President of the Venezuelan National Assembly delivers a speech during a public session with opposition members, at a street in Caracas, Venezuela, Friday, Jan. 11, 2019.

Associated Press

it a reality." Guaido asked Venezuelans to mass in a nationwide demonstration on Jan. 23, a historically important date for Venezuelans — the day when a mass uprising overthrew dictator Marcos Perez Jimenez in 1958.

The constitution assigns the presidency to the head of the National Assembly if Maduro is illegitimate.

But the overall military so far has remained firmly behind Maduro, despite some reports of small-scale attempts at revolt.

A once wealthy oil nation, Venezuela is gripped by growing crisis of relentless inflation, food shortages and mass migration.

The announcement is a daring challenge to the socialist leader, who has

rejected criticism of his re-election and whose government has imprisoned many leading critics.

Maduro accuses the United States and local foes of plotting a coup.

Seventeen Latin American countries, the United States and Canada denounced Maduro's government as illegitimate in a measure adopted Thursday at the

Organization of American States in Washington.

In May, Maduro declared victory following an election that his political opponents and many foreign nations consider illegitimate, in part because popular opponents were banned from running and the largest anti-government parties boycotted the race.

Friday's demonstration was the largest showing of anti-government supporters in more than a year, but fell far short of the thousands that took to the streets over four months in 2017, leading to clashes in which more than 120 died.

Guaido, 35, made the announcement less than a week after being selected to lead Venezuela's National Assembly, vowing to press for transition of power. Guaido has won some international support, speaking by phone this week with U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. "We are not victims here. We are survivors and we are going to survive this," Guaido said. We are here to talk about the route, because there are no magical solutions." □

# Nicaraguan supreme court justice resigns in protest

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP)

— Nicaraguan media reported Thursday that a Supreme Court justice has resigned with a scathing open letter to President Daniel Ortega, who faced down anti-government protests last year by unleashing security forces and allied groups against demonstrators.

The letter circulating widely on social media was accompanied by a photograph of judge Rafael Solis Cerda's government-issued ID. The letter's authenticity could not be independently confirmed. A message to Solis was not immediately answered.

The government did not immediately comment.

Solis is a long-time member of Ortega's Sandinista Front party, but his letter said



Nicaragua's President Daniel Ortega arrives to the Supreme Court for the inauguration ceremony of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro in Caracas, Venezuela, Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019.

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Ortega and his wife, Vice President Rosario Murillo, are dragging Nicaragua toward a civil war.

Solis noted the at least 325 people estimated by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to have died in the violent repression of street protests that began April 18, 2018, initially over since canceled social security cuts. Since the protests were banned and the government regained control of the streets, leaders and even participants of the public opposition have been arrested and jailed.

Ortega and Murillo have maintained that the government was responding as necessary to a failed coup attempt. They said foreign interests banded together with Nicaragua's opposi-

tion to bring down the government.

But Solis' letter said there was never a coup attempt and the government responded to dissent with "an irrational use of force." Last month, the government shut down several human rights groups and independent media outlets. It also expelled teams from two branches of the Organization of American States that were investigating allegations of human rights violations.

Solis' letter said he considered resigning last year, but had hoped Ortega and Murillo would enter a genuine dialogue with their opponents. He said suggestions that he offered Ortega on negotiating an end to the political crisis were disregarded. □



## LOCAL



## 'Take your car off the beaten track to meet our monuments and their stories'

ORANJESTAD - The mix of cultures in Aruba is very visible in its architecture as -like in all cultures-, monuments reflect your history and your people. If you take the chance to leave the beach for a little while and take your car off the beaten track you will be surprised what you see. Anne Witsenburg is director of the Monumentsfund Aruba and points out precisely why a monumental trip should not lack in your vacation's itinerary.

The fund owns 12 monuments, out of the 36 protected monuments in the island. "But there are over 300 more monuments on the list to be protected and of course we dream to see that become reality as soon as possible."



Anne Witsenburg, director of the Monumentsfund Aruba, at the entrance of her office.

The international guidelines that apply for monuments decide whether it will be a protected monument or not. "The building or object needs to be at least 50 years old, a special value in architecture or to history or to the people of Aruba is required and there has to be a certain uniqueness. If it was changed too much throughout time or there are already any of the same kind it is a no go."

### Useless islands

There is a difference be-

tween the islands when it comes to monuments, as Witsenburg explains. "That goes back to their history. Curacao used to be a very wealthy island where many -mainly Dutch- merchants lived close together and that is the reason you find this typical colonial Dutch style buildings packed in certain areas nowadays. They are celebrating 20 years of Unesco heritage this year. Than scattered around the rest of the island you will see the smaller country houses." Aruba

and Bonaire were called the useless islands in the colonial time, so any Indian willing to live here was given a small piece of land to build his home. "That is the reason you find all these typical small houses scattered around the island. We actually have the same amount of monuments as Curacao though way smaller."

### Magic local touch

Some of the monuments owned by the Monument fund Aruba are the light house, town hall, water tanks in both Oranjestad and San Nicolas. "We are wealthy in different styled monuments and my suggestion is to discover this world outside of the tourist zone. The book Monumental Guide comes in handy as there are three maps inside that guide you to the monuments and tell you about them. But there are also possibilities to have your personal people guide.



Lighthouse renovated in the present (left); California Lighthouse in the 1950's (right).

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# Monuments

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And the best is that I can almost guarantee you the magic of the local touch when you bump into an authentic cunucu house (country house) and talk to the owners. They will proudly share their family history with you."

## Outside inspiration

The Monument fund acquires or buys monuments and restores them back into their former glory. Than they rent it out. "That sounds easy, but it is incredibly complex as most monuments have multiple owners due to the fact that inheritances are split and all need to decide upon the selling." They cooperate with the government office of monuments because they set the rules of what you can and cannot do to a protected monument. "We also have the task to maintain the buildings which is an ongoing process. The wind, the salt in the air and the sun that not only burns human bodies but also buildings are huge challenges. Next to that we do education, create awareness and maintain public relations about our monuments."

The office of the Monument fund is actually located in a monument itself. The building is beautiful and has a tropical style. "This house goes back to the 1920's when it was built as a vacation house by Aruban entrepreneur



**Water Tower San Nicolaas in the old days (above); Water Tower San Nicolas by day in present time (right).**

Croes. He and his family came here to the outdoors as in those times there was only cunucu (countryside) here. They had big parties and enjoyed leisure time with family and friends." Richer Arubans at that time looked outwards for architecture inspiration as that was considered chic, Witsenburg explains. Either to the US (art deco style like the water tower in San Nicolas), Holland (Dutch colonial style) or Colombia/Venezuela. "This house is inspired by a villa around Cartagena, Colombia. The ideas mostly came from the wives", she says laughing.

## Sustainable driven

Sustainability is a big thing to the Monument fund Aruba. Witsenburg: "Obviously to restore old buildings and not destroy them to build new ones is already sustainable in itself. Than we have the technical sustainability as in using the right materials and techniques but also the social sustainability. That includes look-

ing at the non-tangible part of heritage: the stories to be told, the music to be played, the dinners that were cooked in the places we try to restore. That keeps it alive. Most of our monuments are meant to be lived in so we would like to reintroduce the joy of living in a monument. We work together with private companies to look into that." In their office they installed solar panels, use LED lightning and recently implemented an electrical charging point for electric vehicles.

The Monument fund Aruba is open every day from Monday to Friday from 8 to 5. You are more than welcome to ask for information, guiding and help. For



more information check their Facebook page stich-

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**Nicolaas Store during Carnival in the old days (left); Nicolaas Store renovated in the present (right).**



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ORANJESTAD — Recently, Jonathan Boekhoudt of the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure to honor Aruba's loyal and friendly visitors as Distinguished Visitors. The certificate is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba 20 years and more consecutively.

The honorees are Mr. Freddy Kerhoff and Mrs. Lesley van der Meer, from the Netherlands. They have been coming to Aruba for over 10 consecutive years. They love coming here since they feel part of one big family on the One Happy Island of Aruba.

Boekhoudt together with Mr. Francis Ridderstap and Mr. Steve Bain from the guest relations department of Divi Aruba presented the certificate to the honorees, and also handed over some presents and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and as their home away from home. □





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### Xander Bogaerts will be promoting Aruba:

## Aruba Tourism Authority NV signs agreement with 'Dare to Dream Foundation'

ORANJESTAD – Recently during a press conference the Aruba Tourism Authority (A.T.A.) signed an agreement with 'Dare to Dream Foundation'. The agreement has a great value added to it especially for A.T.A. since our national hero Xander Bogaerts will be the key person promoting Aruba internationally. Bogaerts will also bring awareness on the importance of our tourism to our community. Bogaerts is a well-known baseball player for the Boston Red Sox, which won the World Series last year. All his hard work and achievements made him become Ambassador of our Island.

For a few months now, even before the world series title, A.T.A. has been working closely with the 'Dare to Dream Foundation' in order to partner up for some projects. The main



goal is for Bogaerts to be part of the international promotion, especially in the Area of Boston which is the second largest market from the US in Aruba. Bogaerts is a celebrity back in the city of Boston and this for sure is a great opportunity for Aruba. Bogaerts is Aruban and he will let people know what Aruba is all about.

After evaluations from both sides it was agreed upon a collaboration through the 'Dare to Dream Foundation' which was founded by Bogaerts and his mother Mrs. Sandra Brown back in 2013. The foundation focusses on kids that wish to practice baseball but don't have the necessary resources for it. They will

receive necessary equipment for their training. The foundation also offers training camps and clinics and also offers the kids the opportunity to develop their talent in baseball.

At the end of 2017, the A.T.A. launched a publicity campaign for the North American market named

'Authentic Aruba' which focused on the people of Aruba, what they like to do, which are their favorite places and also show authentic places of our island.

The campaign extended to 2018 and with more and more personalities of Aruba showing of more cultural and culinary things.

Bogaerts is the new addition to this campaign. He will be showing his favorite places on the island and what he likes most of Aruba. He will also be showing his favorite spots for baseball and focusing on his family which is the main part of his success.

The agreement was signed by the CEO of A.T.A. Mrs. Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes and Mrs. Sandra Brown director of Xander Bogaerts' Dare to Dream Foundation. □



# SPORTS



Britain's Andy Murray reacts during a press conference at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia, Friday, Jan. 11, 2019.  
Associated Press

## Andy Murray ensconced as British sporting icon

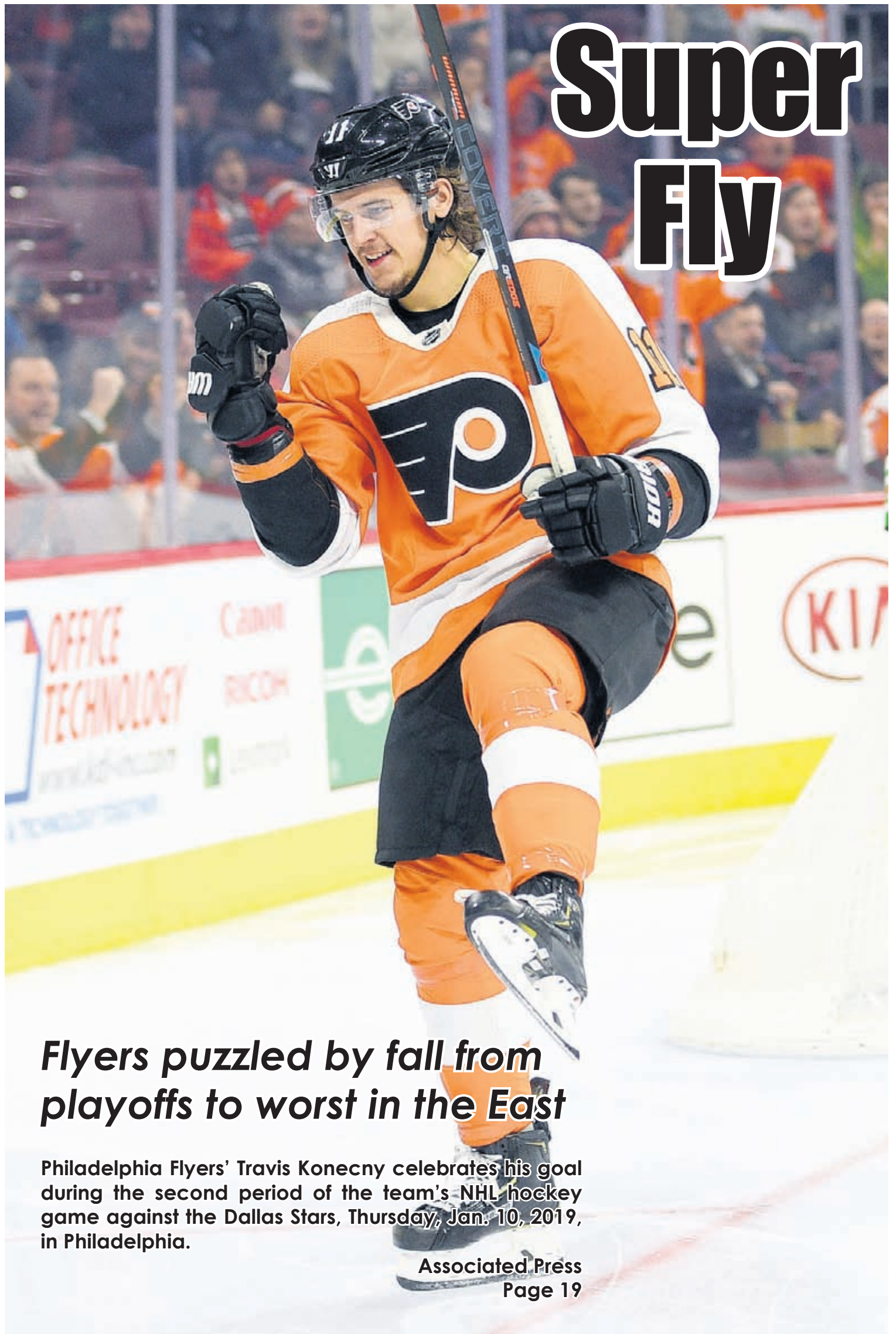
By STEVE DOUGLAS  
AP Sports Writer

The outpouring of sadness and respect in Britain over the news of Andy Murray's imminent retirement makes it easy to forget the emotional barrier that existed for so long between the Scottish tennis great and sports fans in his own country.

Grumpy, sulky, petulant, cold. That was the initial view toward Murray, who will end his career — sometime this year, it seems — as one of Britain's greatest ever sportspeople as well as a champion of equality, a role model and a shining example of how to maximize talent.

It was a tearful Murray who said Friday his battle with a long-standing hip injury was making his day-to-day life a "struggle." And it was tearful performance on Wimbledon's Centre Court years ago which finally persuaded the British public to take Murray to their hearts.

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# Super Fly

## Flyers puzzled by fall from playoffs to worst in the East

Philadelphia Flyers' Travis Konecny celebrates his goal during the second period of the team's NHL hockey game against the Dallas Stars, Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019, in Philadelphia.

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# Loeb, Sunderland back in Dakar contention after stage wins

**Associated Press**

**LIMA, Peru (AP)** — Sebastian Loeb and former champion Sam Sunderland came back into contention halfway through the Dakar Rally by winning the fifth stage on Friday.

Loeb drove the race's longest stage from Tacna back north to Arequipa masterfully, pulling away about 200 kilometers into the 517-kilometer course to win it by 10 minutes from overall leader Nasser Al-Attiyah.

"We pushed really hard from the start to the end of the stage, with no mistakes, no punctures, nothing. We had a perfect day," said Loeb, the nine-time world rally champion.

Al-Attiyah stretched his overall lead to 24 minutes over chief rival Stephane Peterhansel, who had to stop briefly about 40 kilometers from the finish.

Nani Roma was 34 minutes back in third, Jakub Przygonski was hanging in at 38 minutes down, and Loeb was 40 minutes behind.

The stage was eventually cut 100 kilometers short be-



**Toby Price of Australia, second from right, sits on his KTM motorbike next to teammate Sam Sunderland of Great Britain, left, at the start of stage five of the Dakar Rally between Tacna and Arequipa, Peru, Friday, Jan. 11, 2019.**

cause fog made driving hazardous.

Loeb also won the second stage but during the third on Wednesday he made a navigation mistake in fog and lost half an hour. After the rest day on Saturday, there's still plenty of racing in the Peruvian desert to

make up the time.

Just as the stage finished prematurely because of fog, the start was delayed by fog, and Sunderland was slow to get going. He kept in touch with the leaders until about halfway through the 345-kilometer motorbike stage when

Paulo Goncalves crashed and reportedly suffered head and hand injuries.

Sunderland stopped to help the Portuguese rider Goncalves, the runner-up in 2015.

Meanwhile, the motorbike lead swapped between Pablo Quintanilla and Xavi-

er de Soultrait until Quintanilla ran into trouble just four kilometers from the finish.

De Soultrait crossed first, followed by defending champion Matthias Walkner, but Sunderland was given the stage win when he was credited for the 10 minutes he stopped to help Goncalves.

"I didn't have any reference of how much time I was losing, so I was thinking that my race was going downhill," Sunderland said. "I pushed a lot and finally it was OK."

"It's been really tough, really difficult. If the first five days are anything to go by then, sure, there will be a lot more chaos to come."

Ricky Brabec, a safe 11th on the marathon stage, remained the overall leader, but was only a minute ahead of Sunderland, whose only completed Dakar of his previous five was a title victory in 2017. That made him the first British champion.

"I don't know if it's a dream or if it's reality," Brabec said of being the leader. "It's pretty wild." □

## Murray British Legacy

**Continued from Page 17**

In July 2012 — before he won any of his three Grand Slam titles, his two Olympic medals, or led Britain to its first Davis Cup in 79 years — an emotional Murray broke down in an on-court interview following his four-set loss to Roger Federer in the Wimbledon final.

Inadvertently, it might have boosted his public standing more than winning the title. In an instant, Murray was humanized. His emotions laid bare, it felt like he was finally accepted by the whole country, not just tennis fans who had long appreciated his undoubted talent since turning pro in 2005.

Murray's popularity soared and perhaps it was no coincidence that, from that turning point, he became something of a sporting

phenomenon in Britain. He won Olympic gold a month later — fittingly on the same Wimbledon lawns — and his first Grand Slam title at the U.S. Open soon after.

The following year, he became the first British man to win the Wimbledon title since Fred Perry in 1936. In 2015, he inspired Britain to the Davis Cup title. By the time he had won Wimbledon and the Olympic singles title again in 2016, he was firmly in the conversation about Britain's greatest sports star and the public was enamored.

He was honored with a knighthood by Queen Elizabeth II in 2017, the same year he rose to No. 1 in the rankings for the first time.

It was no surprise, therefore, that Murray led the news bulletins Friday morning as Brits woke up to the news about his likely retire-



**In this Aug. 5, 2012 file photo, gold medalist Andy Murray waves the British flag during the medal ceremony for the men's singles tennis at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.**

**Associated Press**

ment, while social media was awash with praise and discussion about his impact on tennis and sports in general.

"Whatever happens next, you've done more than

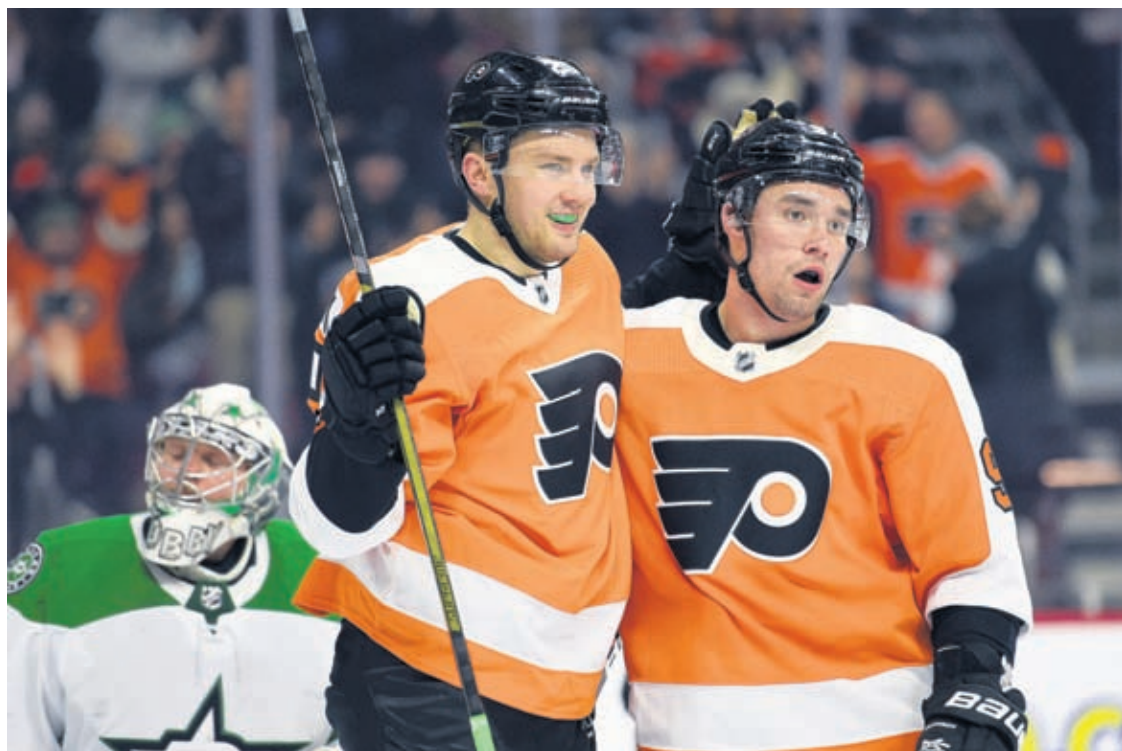
you know," read a tweet from Wimbledon's official account, above a picture of Murray clutching his face the moment he won the singles title at the All England Club for the first

time.

While Murray was widely hailed as the epitome of hard work and determination, his work in championing equality in tennis was also highlighted. □



# Philadelphia Flyers vs. Dallas Stars



Philadelphia Flyers' James van Riemsdyk, center, celebrates with Ivan Provorov, right, after van Riemsdyk scored a goal past Dallas Stars goaltender Anton Khudobin, left, during the second period of an NHL hockey game Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019, in Philadelphia.

By **DAN GELSTON**  
AP Sports Writer

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — The vendor at the Flyers merchandise kiosk on the main concourse scrolled through his phone as disinterested fans breezed by the \$70 Stadium Series sweatshirts and \$250 jerseys that suddenly seem as unwanted as a face value ticket. Shortly before faceoff, customers! A Flyers fan stops by and spends \$5.39 on a foam finger that is supposed to convey the home team is No. 1.

At least one Flyers fan in the stands had a different digit in mind. The scoreboard cameras caught a man in the first period flipping Gritty the bird. Yes, even the beloved Flyers furball can't escape the wrath of agitated fans in what has become one of the biggest debacles in franchise history. The only part of the season more surprising than the unexpected popularity of their rookie mascot has been the dizzying dip in the standings from a year ago. The Flyers crashed from a 98-point team that made the playoffs to the one of the worst teams in the NHL; they fired the coach, the general manager and play in front of a half-empty Wells Fargo Center where tickets bottomed out at \$9 a pop

on StubHub on Wednesday. Hey, for a night, the discounted ducats were worth the price — the Flyers snapped an eight-game losing streak with a 2-1 win over Dallas.

But the win was just a rare respite for a franchise barreling toward the Feb. 25 trade deadline on the brink of another shakeup. The suit and tie guys are gone. General manager Chuck Fletcher was hired in November to replace Ron Hextall, who could not turn the Flyers into contenders after 4½ seasons, and he promptly fired coach Dave Hakstol after three-plus seasons without a playoff series win. Interim coach Scott Gordon is 4-7-2 in his brief tenure.

That leaves the aging veterans in the orange-and-black sweaters, and perhaps some of the newer faces, on the market as Fletcher decides if the time is now for a full-blown roster revamp. Former All-Star forward Wayne Simmonds is in the last year of his contract and could be traded before the Flyers lose him for nothing. Simmonds, who has only 19 points this season, is perhaps the most important voice in the locker room and losing his leadership would hurt the Flyers as much as his point pro-

duction. Just 30, Simmonds could be packaged for prospects and picks to a contender before he hits free agency.

"Right now, you definitely can't look at the big picture," Simmonds said. "Obviously, the big picture doesn't look good, so you've got to start small and we've got to start making strides from there." Hextall's inability to turn things around was among the reasons he was unexpectedly dismissed Nov. 26. Philadelphia hasn't won the Stanley Cup since 1975 and was ready to try to contend after several years of retooling.

They instead enter Saturday's game at New Jersey sitting 30th in the NHL standings at 16-22-6 (38 points). How did it get this bad?

— Start in net. The Flyers tied an NHL record this week with Mike McKenna becoming their seventh goaltender to play this season. The Flyers became the fourth team in league history to hit that ignominious milestone and reached it in just 43 games. The Flyers banked on Brian Elliott and Michal Neuvirth to man the pipes while top prospect Carter Hart gained experience in the minors. Elliott and Neuvirth have been injured most of the season

and patchwork effort was a bust, forcing the Flyers to call up Hart (3-4-1) last month to steady the team. — The farm system had failed to produce stars after a string of bad drafts last decade and expected cornerstones such as Nolan Patrick (No. 2 pick of 2017 draft; 22 games without a goal), and defenseman Shayne Gostisbehere and

Ivan Provorov have yielded inconsistent results instead of serving as significant keys to a rebuild.

— The vets have disappeared. Claude Giroux, the last holdover from the 2010 Stanley Cup final team, is again an All-Star. But Simmonds, Jake Voracek, van Riemsdyk and Sean Couturier have been hit by injury and inconsistency. □

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## Andreescu continues hot streak, qualifies for Aussie Open

By **JOHN PYE**

**AP Sports Writer**

**MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)**

— Bianca Andreescu has followed up her wins last week over defending Australian Open champion Caroline Wozniacki and seven-time major winner Venus Williams by qualifying for the season's first Grand Slam tournament.

The 18-year-old Canadian would like to follow it up with another win over a big-name player — like No. 1 Simona Halep or Serena Williams.

First things first, though. After beating Tereza Smitkova on Friday to earn a spot in the main draw of a major for only the second time — her first was at Wimbledon in 2017 — Andreescu ended up with a first-round match against American wild-card entry Whitney Osuigwe, who finished last year ranked No. 226.

They're in the same half as Halep and seven-time



Canada's Bianca Andreescu returns a shot against Taiwan's Hsieh Su-wei during their semifinal match at the ASB Classic tennis tournament in Auckland, New Zealand, Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019.

Associated Press

Australian Open champion Serena Williams, but in the lower quarter.

"With what happened last week, I think I can get pretty far into next week," said Andreescu, who was leading 6-0, 4-1 when Smitkova retired with an injury. "And I'm just using momentum from last week. Hopefully I can do that next week as

well.

"I think I used it pretty well in the qualifying matches, so I'm really pleased." Andreescu reached the final of the ASB Classic in Auckland, New Zealand last week, beating Wozniacki, Venus Williams and third-seeded Hsieh Su-wei before losing to Julia Goerges in three sets.

She raced from Auckland to Melbourne to enter qualifying, something she's hoping her rise up the rankings will help her avoid at the next major.

"My goal was to, at the beginning of the year, was to get into the French Open main draw right away — not having to go through qualies," she said. "I think I'm one step closer to that." Andreescu moved up 45 places last week to No. 107, and attracted a lot of attention at home.

"Definitely, yeah. I'm getting a lot of messages. I'm getting a lot of followers, especially from politicians, which really amazed me," she said. "It's really an honor — I'm really grateful for everyone's support."

"I got a message from a little girl, just saying that she's starting to play tennis because of me. That was pretty amazing."

It was some advice a couple of years ago from Ha-

lep, who told her to play more pro events rather than juniors, that helped set Andreescu on her way.

"I think I'm getting more and more experience playing on big stages, and I think that's going to be help me with everything," Andreescu said. "It's amazing. It's my second time qualifying for a major. I'm really pleased with my game right now, and how my body is holding up, and my mental, too."

On the men's side, 22-year-old Australian Thanasi Kokkinakis had a 6-4, 6-4 win over Canadian Peter Polanski to earn his spot in the main draw after contentiously missing out on a qualifying spot following a series of injuries.

Kokkinakis, who notched a win over Roger Federer last year, later said missing out on the wild card certainly served as motivation. He will play Taro Daniel of Japan in the first round. □

## China advances to Asian Cup last 16, Australia rebounds



China's defender Wu Lei, center left, celebrates his opening goal with his teammates, during the AFC Asian Cup group C soccer match between China and Philippines at Mohammed Bin Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, Friday, Jan. 11, 2019.

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**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)** — China and South Korea made it to the knockout round of the Asian Cup on Friday, while defending champion Australia stayed alive by rebounding from a stunning opening defeat.

China secured a spot in the round of 16 with a comfortable 3-0 win over the Philippines in Group C, while South Korea advanced in the same group by defeat-

ing Kyrgyzstan 1-0.

Australia put its 1-0 opening loss to Jordan in the past by routing Palestine 3-0 in Group B.

China star forward Wu Lei scored two superb goals — a curling right-footed shot into the top corner in the first half and a volley in the second — against a Philippines squad making its Asian Cup debut.

Yu Dabao added the third with a header a few seconds after entering the

match late.

China had opened with a hard-fought 2-1 win against Kyrgyzstan.

China and South Korea have six points, while Kyrgyzstan and the Philippines have zero but have slim chances of advancing. China and South Korea will fight for the group win on Wednesday in Abu Dhabi.

The top two teams in each group and the four best third-place teams advance to the round of 16. □



# NHL tests puck and player tracking in regular-season games

By STEPHEN WHYNO  
AP Hockey Writer

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — The NHL for the first time has tested real-time puck and player tracking in regular-season games and intends to have it in place across the league next season.

Microchips were added to players' shoulder pads and fitted inside specially designed pucks for two Vegas Golden Knights home games this week, against the New York Rangers and the San Jose Sharks.

Antennas around the arena tracked the players and the puck through radio frequencies and relayed the data to a suite where league and Players' Association executives and representatives from 20 teams and various technology firms, sports betting companies and TV rights holders were watching.

Previous versions of puck and player tracking were tested at All-Star games and the 2016 World Cup of Hockey. The latest tests were intended to refine the logistics of using the technology in meaningful games and to show how the real-time statistics can be used on broadcasts, in betting applications and even to create virtual reality and augmented reality



People watch real-time puck and player tracking technology on display during an NHL hockey game between the Vegas Golden Knights and the San Jose Sharks in Las Vegas, Thursday, Jan. 9, 2019.

Associated Press

simulations. "Technology gives us a chance to bring our fans closer to the game, gives them a chance to look at the game from different perspectives, to actually see from a data standpoint, from a visual standpoint more of what's going on in the game," Commissioner Gary Bettman told The Associated Press on Thursday night as Vegas played the Sharks. "And the opportunity is unlimited in an era where technology is developing

at a record pace." Fans will get their first real taste of this puck and player tracking system at the upcoming All-Star Weekend Jan 25-26 in San Jose when NBC in the U.S. and Rogers in Canada will have access to the data to use on their broadcasts. If all goes according to plan, the full range of puck and player tracking will be in place to begin next season.

The NHL and NHLPA have been discussing puck and

player tracking for several years.

Player concerns over tracking data being used against them have been quelled enough that they agreed to an understanding with the league about wearing the microchips. All three teams this week had the chips in their uniforms and every puck had the technology.

The NHL owns the data but must share it with the union. "I do think the potential positives far outweigh any

negatives," said Mathieu Schneider, a retired defenseman and special assistant to the NHLPA executive director.

Once the technology is implemented, the NHL will join the NFL as the two major North American professional sports leagues with players wearing tracking technology.

The NBA and Major League Baseball track players and game action using sophisticated systems that can include radar and cameras. The Jogmo World Corp. and the Fraunhofer Institute in Germany developed this particular system in conjunction with the NHL over the past three years.

It has taken that long just to get it right; the rubber used to make pucks originally didn't work with the sensors.

The system tracks a puck 2,000 times per second and players 200 times per second.

"Overall, hockey's the most challenging sport that you can think of because the highest mechanics, the highest speed, the highest impact," Jogmo founder and CEO Martin Bachmayer said. "We had to change the puck recipe, the puck mixture to make that work. That was super difficult." □

## South Africa collapses to 262, Pakistan 17-2 in 3rd test

Associated Press

**JOHANNESBURG (AP)** — South Africa lost seven wickets for 33 runs in a collapse and Pakistan's batsmen also struggled as the ball swung and seamed late on the first day of the final test at the Wanderers on Friday.

South Africa was 154-2 and 229-3 before Pakistan's quick bowlers carved through the middle and lower order in the final session to bowl the home team out for 262 and give the tourists hope of avoiding a 3-0 series whitewash. Pakistan is 2-0 down and has already lost the three-match series but team changes and a helpful pitch seemed to invigorate



South Africa's batsman Zubayr Hamza hits a six on day one of the third cricket test match between South Africa and Pakistan at Wanderers Stadium in Johannesburg, South Africa, Friday, Jan. 11, 2019.

Associated Press

its bowling lineup. Allrounder Faheem Ashraf took 3-57 after being one

of three players called into the side for the series-ender.

Mohammad Abbas, Mohammad Amir and Hasan Ali, another bowler brought in, had two wickets each as the Pakistan attack worked together to give the touring team its best day of the series.

Pakistan's reply at stumps tempered that slightly, with Shan Masood and Azhar Ali falling off consecutive deliveries from Vernon Philander. Pakistan used Abbas as a nightwatchman to fend off any more damage and was 17-2 at stumps, 245 behind.

Twelve wickets fell on the first day, nine of them in the eventful last session.

Pakistan's fightback was extraordinary after South Africa opener Aiden

Markram made 90 — 78 of those runs in the first session — and was part of a 126-run partnership for the second wicket with Hashim Amla (41).

Theunis de Bruyn (49) and Zubayr Hamza (41), who was on his test debut, had a 75-run stand for the fourth wicket to keep South Africa in apparent control.

It seemed that Pakistan was going to rue not capitalizing on an early breakthrough, when stand-in captain Dean Elgar was out for 5 in the second over and South Africa was 6-1. Elgar is captaining South Africa after Faf du Plessis' one-test ban for over rate offenses in the first two matches. □



# Rory Sabbatini now playing for Slovakia

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

**HONOLULU (AP)** — Rory Sabbatini has been playing the Sony Open the last 20 years, and this one was different before he hit a shot. Start with the flag stitched onto his golf bag.

And when he stepped to the first tee Thursday, he heard words never uttered on the PGA Tour.

"From Bratislava, Slovakia, Rory Sabbatini."

Golf fans know him as the 42-year-old South African with plenty of spunk and enough game to have won six times on the PGA Tour, who played in the Presidents Cup and once reached as high as No. 8 in the world.

That changed during a ceremony in New York last month, when Sabbatini became a naturalized citizen of Slovakia, home of his wife, Martina.

He now plays under the Slovak flag.

"Just to support her and to support our son," Sabbatini said. "Getting Slovak citizenship is important to them, just as important as her getting her U.S. citizenship. So I'm supporting her, and the added benefit was her cousin is the director of golf development in Slovakia, and we thought this was an opportunity."



Rory Sabbatini watches his shot from 10th tee during the first round of the Sony Open PGA Tour golf event, Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019, at the Waialae Country Club in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Associated Press

One benefit is the Olympics, though Sabbatini said that wasn't his primary motive.

After a ceremony at the Consulate General of the Slovak Republic in New York, Sabbatini said he hoped playing for Slovakia would be a source of inspiration for young players in a country that has only eight other players listed in the Official World Golf Ranking, three of them amateurs.

The next Slovak behind Sabbatini is Petr Valasek at No. 1,930.

The Olympics take no more than two players from each country — a maximum of four if they are among the top 15 in the world ranking — until it reaches the 60 players. So while Sabbatini is No. 201 in the world, his Olympic ranking this week is at No. 49.

"Obviously, if things happen to fall the way they possibly could, that would be fantastic," Sabbatini said. "But I think golf being back in the Olympics is definitely a great advantage for golf all over the world. I

just truly hope that we can really get the program to develop in Slovakia, and if the Olympics would happen to boost it, that would be fantastic."

His wife's cousin is Rastislav Antal, the vice president of the Slovak Golf Association. He said last month at the New York ceremony that his hope was for Sabbatini to raise interest in the country so that children would get hooked on golf.

There are more golf courses in Palm Beach Country, where Sabbatini lives, than

Slovakia. Among the best is Penati Golf Resort, a Jack Nicklaus design where the European Challenge Tour last staged an event in 2016. The winner was Espen Kofstad of Norway, and his victory qualified him for the 2016 Olympics in Rio.

An Olympic golfer playing under the Slovak flag seemed unlikely until Sabbatini became a citizen.

"Her cousin came up with the idea," Sabbatini said. "This is an opportunity to bring more kids into the game of golf, because they really haven't had an exposure on an international stage to really have someone to follow. They have a lot of hockey players, skiers, tennis players, all sports. But nobody in golf." Sabbatini, who won the World Cup with Trevor Immelman for South Africa in 2003, last won on the PGA Tour in 2011 at the Honda Classic. That's where he met his wife a few years later.

Sabbatini says he has been three or four times to Slovakia, a central European country that shares borders with Austria, the Czech Republic, Poland, Ukraine and Hungary. Bratislava is near the Austrian border, an hour from Vienna. They have a place they rent when there. □

# AP source: Phelps strikes \$2.5M, 1-year deal with Blue Jays



In this April 30, 2017, file photo, Miami Marlins relief pitcher David Phelps throws during the team's baseball game against the Pittsburgh Pirates in Miami.

Associated Press

By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Right-hander David Phelps and the Toronto Blue Jays have agreed to a \$2.5 million, one-year contract, a deal that could be worth \$13.75 million over two seasons, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity Thursday night because the deal had not yet been announced. The contract. Phelps, a 32-year-old free agent who is coming back from Tommy John surgery, can earn an additional \$3.25 million in performance bonuses this year as part of the agreement,

and the Blue Jays have a \$1 million team option for 2020 that could escalate to \$8 million depending on appearances and games finished this year.

He tore the ulnar collateral ligament in his pitching arm on March 17 during his final pitch in a spring training outing against the Los Angeles Angels, and he had surgery March 26.

Phelps was 2-1 with a 3.12 ERA in 10 relief appearances in 2017 for Seattle, which acquired him from Miami that July 20. He had a \$5.55 million salary last season.

During six major league seasons with the New York Yankees (2012-14), Miami (2015-17) and the Mari-

ners, Phelps is 30-33 with a 3.89 ERA and five saves in 64 starts and 164 relief appearances. His agreement was first reported by ESPN. Phelps could earn \$2.5 million in bonuses this year based on games: \$250,000 each for 25, 30 and 35, and \$350,000 apiece for 40, 45, 50, 55 and 70. He also could earn \$750,000 this year based on games finished: \$125,000 each for 25 and 30, and \$250,000 apiece for 35 and 40.

His option escalates to \$3 million if he pitches in 30-39 games this year, \$5 million if 30-49, \$7 million if 50 or more, and \$8 million if 50 or more and 40 or more games finished. □



# Milan-Cortina bid can revolutionize Olympics

By **ANDREW DAMPF**

AP Sports Writer

**ROME (AP)** — It starts with the name — featuring two cities as opposed to the usual one — and involves venues dotted across a large swath of northern Italy stretching from Milan to the Dolomites.

The Milan-Cortina bid for the 2026 Olympics has the potential to revolutionize the Winter Games and leave a new blueprint for the future.

It's the first candidacy to fully embrace reforms demanded by IOC President Thomas Bach, seeking to cut costs and ease taxpayer concerns in the aftermath of Russia's \$51 billion spending to prepare for the 2014 Sochi Olympics.

"We're the forerunner and we take pride in that fact," Italian Olympic Committee president Giovanni Malago said in an interview with The Associated Press on Friday, the same day that bid books were sent to the IOC. The Milan-Cortina candidacy takes advantage of the more flexible rules provided by Bach's reforms.

The bid proposes to hold figure skating, hockey and short-track speedskating in Milan; sliding sports and curling in 1956 host Cortina; and speedskating, biathlon



**President of the Italian National Olympic Committee, CONI, Giovanni Malago' talks during an interview with The Associated Press, in Rome, Friday, Jan. 11, 2019.**

and Nordic sports in Trentino-Alto Adige.

Alpine skiing would be divided between Bormio (men) and Cortina (women), and only one venue would need to be built from scratch — an arena in Milan.

The opening ceremony would be at the 80,000-seat San Siro in Milan, with the closing at Verona's Arena, a large Roman amphitheater.

"Without Agenda 2020 (Bach's reform package)

we would not have been able to bid," Malago said.

The only other remaining candidate for 2026 is Stockholm, which proposes to hold sliding events in Latvia. Following Milan-Cortina's lead, Stockholm announced on Friday that it, too, was adding a second name to its bid. It's now called "Stockholm Are 2026," with Alpine skiing events taking place in the resort of Are, 541 kilometers (336 miles) northwest of the Swedish capital.

The IOC is scheduled to select the host cities in June.

"It wouldn't surprise me if in the future there is a two-nation bid," Malago said. Christophe Dubi, the Olympic Games executive director, said the IOC "should consider regional bids," adding, "we could brand the games differently by the name of a region."

The Italian bid was originally slated to also include Turin before the 2006 host was left out amid a political squabble. But Malago

left room for Turin to move back into consideration with its speedskating oval.

"This is the dossier for now and we're convinced we can win with this dossier," Malago said. "But recent history shows us that new opportunities arise once you've been assigned the games."

Milan-Cortina plans for a budget of 1.5 billion euros (\$1.7 billion), 900,000 euros of which would be covered by IOC contributions. Italy is anxious to bring a bid through the entire process after two Rome candidacies were withdrawn. Three years ago, Italy was forced to end Rome's bid for the 2024 Summer Olympics because of staunch opposition from the city's mayor. And in 2012, then-premier Mario Monti scrapped the city's candidacy for the 2020 Olympics because of financial concerns.

Malago would not even consider the possibility of another rejection.

"There will not be another 'No' because the boat has already left the port," he said. "Other countries don't have our volatility in terms of saying yes or no. But they have a different problem — referendums. And I'm not sure which one is worse." □

# Russian court says bobsledder can keep Olympic titles

Associated Press

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Russian bobsledder Alexander Zubkov won a Moscow court ruling on Friday that could make it harder for the International Olympic Committee to recover his gold medals.

The Russian flagbearer at the 2014 Sochi Olympics was stripped of his two gold medals from those games in 2017 by the IOC for doping. He failed to overturn that disqualification at the Court of Arbitration for Sport last year.

But Moscow's highest civil court in November upheld Zubkov's claim that the CAS procedure was unfair and shouldn't be recognized in



**In this Sunday, Feb. 23, 2014 file photo, driver of Russia RUS-1, Alexander Zubkov, acknowledges the crowd after they won the gold medal during the men's four-man bobsled competition final at the 2014 Winter Olympics, in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia.**

Associated Press

Russia. That means Zubkov is legally recognized as an Olympic champion — but only in Russia.

On Friday, the court rejected an IOC-backed appeal from the Russian Olympic Committee, which earlier said letting Zubkov keep his medals could "give rise to doubt that Russia truly observes the main principles of the fight against doping."

"I am a clean athlete. If you don't know my story you can open Wikipedia and see how much I've done for sport and what I did in Sochi," he said. "I brought gold medals here and gave sport 30 years (of my life)."

Friday's ruling will also make it harder for Zubkov to be removed as president of the Russian Bobsled Federation, and may entitle him to a Russian state pension for retired star athletes.

The IOC's case against Zubkov was based on testimony from Moscow and Sochi anti-doping laboratory director Grigory Rodchenkov, who said he arranged for athletes to dope before swapping their dirty samples for clean ones. There was also forensic evidence that the allegedly fake sample stored in Zubkov's name contained more salt than could be possible in urine from a healthy human. □



# China's Huawei unveils chip for global big data market

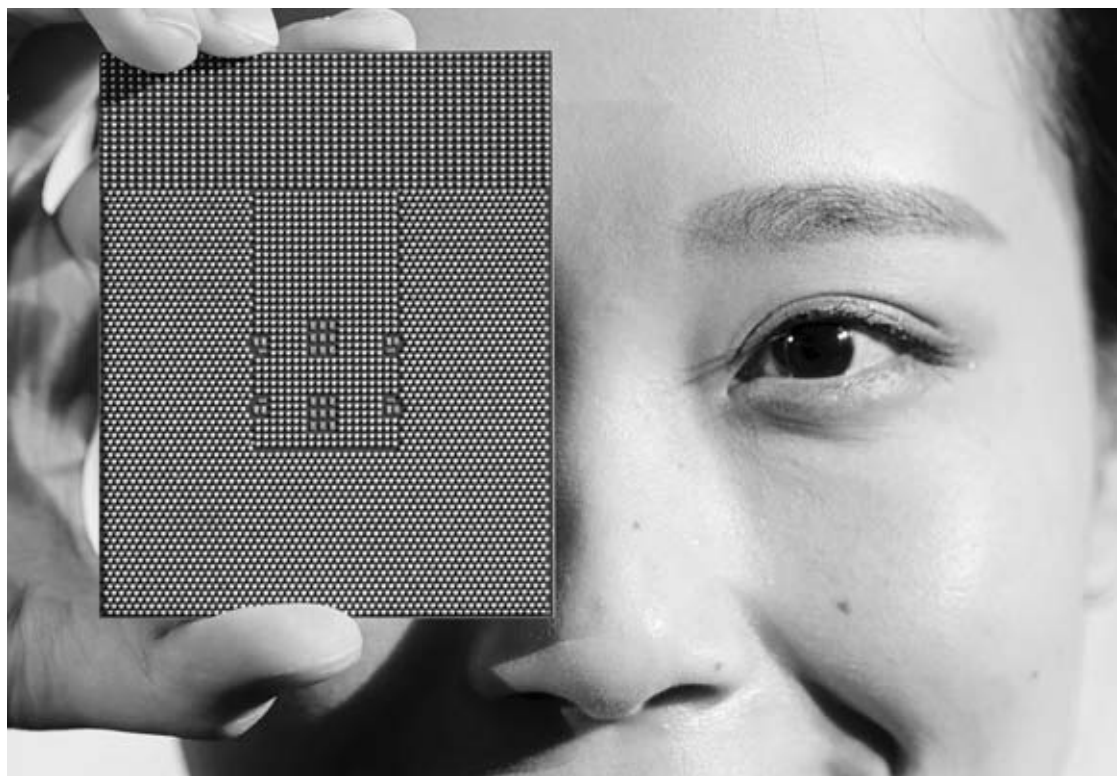
By **JOE McDONALD**

**Associated Press**

**BEIJING (AP)** — Huawei Technologies Ltd. showed off a new processor chip for data centers and cloud computing Monday, expanding into new and growing markets despite Western warnings the company might be a security risk.

Huawei and other Chinese technology companies that rely on Western technology are stepping up efforts to develop their own. The company based in southern China's Shenzhen has pushed ahead with commercial initiatives despite the Dec. 1 arrest of its chief financial officer, Meng Wanzhou, the daughter of Huawei founder Ren Zhengfei, in Canada on U.S. charges related to possible violations of trade sanctions on Iran.

Huawei said the Kunpeng 920 chip is designed for servers that handle a flood of data from smartphones, video and other network services — a fast growing sector with the development of artificial intelligence and the "internet of things."



**A Kunpeng 920 chip is displayed during an unveiling ceremony in Shenzhen, China, Monday, Jan. 7, 2019.**

The company said it is part of a planned product line-up to support "intelligent computing."

Huawei, founded in 1987 by a former military engineer, is China's first global tech competitor and a national champion at the head of an industry the ruling Communist Party is eager to promote. The company

says it is employee-owned and rejects accusations by Washington and some other governments that it is controlled by the ruling party and might facilitate spying.

Chinese and U.S. envoys met Monday for talks over a tariff war triggered by American complaints about Beijing's technology

policies. The Trump administration, Europe and other trading partners complain initiatives such as "Made in China 2025," which calls for state-led creation of Chinese global champions in robotics and other fields, violates Beijing's market-opening obligations.

American officials worry they might erode U.S. in-

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dustrial leadership.

The company says its 2018 global sales are forecast to top \$100 billion despite curbs imposed on use of its technology by the United States, Australia, Japan and some other governments.

Huawei, headquartered in the southern city of Shenzhen, has steadily expanded into new industry segments. Its smartphone brand, launched in 2010, passed Apple to become the global No. 2 seller behind Samsung in the third quarter of 2017, according to IDC.

The company has developed the Kirin line of chips for its phones and Ascend chips for artificial intelligence.

The Kunpeng 920 chip is based on the ARM system used increasingly in smartphones and distributed computing. It competes in some settings with the x86 standard used by traditional industry leaders Intel Corp. and Advanced Micro Devices Inc. Also Monday, Huawei unveiled three servers based on the new chip that are intended for global sale. □

# CES 2019: It's all about the games and AI

By the **Associated Press**

**Associated Press**

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — The CES 2019 gadget show is revving up in Las Vegas. Here are the latest findings and observations from Associated Press reporters on the ground as technology's biggest trade event gets underway.

**BRING ON THE GAMES**

Enough about self-driving cars. A big contingent at the CES 2019 gadget show would rather hear about better video games.

Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang got a big round of applause Sunday night when he told a crowd at the Las Vegas tech conference that he'd spend more time talking gaming than autonomous driving.

The Santa Clara, California-based chipmaker's com-



**Navatics MITO displays their underwater drone with 4K camera at the CES Unveiled at CES International Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019, in Las Vegas.**

**Associated Press**

puter graphics technology is used in both industries. But it was his unveiling of a new gaming-oriented graphics processor that elicited the biggest cheers.

Huang also detailed how

his company's advances in artificial intelligence and a graphics technology called "ray tracing" are helping to generate ever-more-realistic scenery in popular games like An-

them and Battlefield V.

This year's CES is less focused on autonomous cars as last year's, though there's ongoing buzz about self-driving innovations. Ride-hailing service Lyft says after launching a self-driving Las Vegas taxi service at last year's CES, it's now had almost 30,000 paid rides.

**A CENTURY OLD CES FIRST-TIMER**

You wouldn't expect to find the maker of Pampers and Bounty paper towels at the world's largest technology conference.

But here's consumer goods company Procter & Gamble at CES 2019, showing off heated razors and a toothbrush that uses artificial intelligence. (Sorry if you were expecting self-changing diapers.)

Procter & Gamble, which was founded more than 180 years ago, said it's the first time it has been an exhibitor at CES. The company said it needs to infuse technology into everyday products to keep up with what customers want.

Among the goods on display: a waterproof Gillette razor that heats up to 122 degrees; an Oral-B toothbrush that tells you if you're missing areas when brushing; and a wand-like device called Opte that scans the skin and releases serum that covers up age spots and other discoloration.

Although some of the products have been sold in test runs, pricing hasn't been set yet. But expect to pay a lot more than the ordinary stuff currently on drugstore shelves. □



# Small business tax deduction has CPAs scratching their heads

By JOYCE M. ROSENBERG  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Millions of small business owners will be in uncharted waters this tax season as they try to determine if they qualify for a deduction that could exempt one-fifth of their income from taxes.

Five months after the IRS issued guidelines to help business owners and tax advisers understand how the complex deduction works, accountants and tax attorneys still have questions. Even those who have attended seminars and workshops about the new law have come away scratching their heads, especially about a section that bars service providers like doctors, lawyers and consultants from claiming the deduction. Some of these company owners have businesses that don't easily fit into the IRS guidelines or proposed regulations the agency has also issued. "There's a lot of conflicting advice out there," says Jeffrey Berdahl, a CPA with RLB Certified Public Accountants in Allentown, Pennsylvania. "It's going to be like the Wild West."

## THE BASICS

The deduction is aimed at giving tax breaks to sole proprietors, partners and owners of S corporations; these businesses are known as pass-throughs because company income "passes through" to owners' 1040 forms, where it is reported to the IRS. Before the law was enacted, many of these owners couldn't get the more favorable tax treatment enjoyed by traditional corporations, those known as C corporations. The new law allows many owners to deduct 20 percent of what's called qualified business income. They can get the full deduction as long as their taxable income doesn't exceed \$157,500 for an individual and \$315,000 for a married couple filing jointly. But taxable income includes owners' and spouses' earnings from outside the business — for example, being employed in a different field



In this Dec. 22, 2017, file photo President Donald Trump speaks with reporters after signing the tax bill and continuing resolution to fund the government in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington.

or industry — and earnings from investments.

If taxable income is above the \$157,500 or \$315,000 threshold, owners may get a partial deduction. There are two critical factors that can limit the size of the break. The first involves the company's W-2 wages, or how much it pays employees, and the value of some of its property; complex calculations go into assessing the impact of wages and property on the deduction. The second factor affects owners who are in what's called a specified service trade or business — for example, health providers, attorneys, accountants or consultants. They have no deduction if their taxable income is more than \$207,500 for an individual or \$415,000 for a married couple.

The IRS spells out the conditions for taking the deduction on its website. Visit <https://bit.ly/2RbxOtc>.

## MORE THAN ONE ACTIVITY OR BUSINESS?

Owners whose businesses involve a variety of activities may find that income from some qualify for the deduction while others don't, says Angela Dotson, a CPA with Aprio in Atlanta. An optometrist who treats patients may not be able to claim the deduction for

that work. But the same optometrist who also sells eyeglasses and contact lenses may be able to use the deduction for that income.

Another example: A graphic designer who consults with clients but also creates websites. "You're consulting, but also selling a product," Berdahl notes.

There might be some unpleasant surprises when owners in such situations get to their CPA's offices. The new law requires separate records for the different types of work.

"They might find their books for tax reform — they may

not show the data CPAs will need to know," Dotson says. In that case, either the owner has to go back and change the books, or pay extra to have their tax advisers do the work.

Owners who have more than one business with employees may be able to aggregate, or combine the qualified business income of the companies, and lower the impact of W-2 wages on the deduction, says Miguel Farra, a CPA and tax attorney with MBAF in Miami. But the businesses must be in a related industry. "If you are a real estate developer and somebody

that owns real estate as investment property, you probably can aggregate," Farra says. But someone who owns a cleaning service and an auto servicing shop wouldn't be able to aggregate their income.

## QUESTIONS AWAITING ANSWERS

The guidelines the IRS issued in August aren't set in stone although the agency said taxpayers could rely on them in compiling their 2018 returns. The agency has issued proposed regulations, and tax professionals have already asked the IRS to clarify a number of issues, including which service providers can claim the deduction. For example, the New York State Bar Association, which asked the IRS for multiple clarifications, said many taxpayers, including those who and rent a small number of real estate properties, may be uncertain about whether the deduction applies to them. □

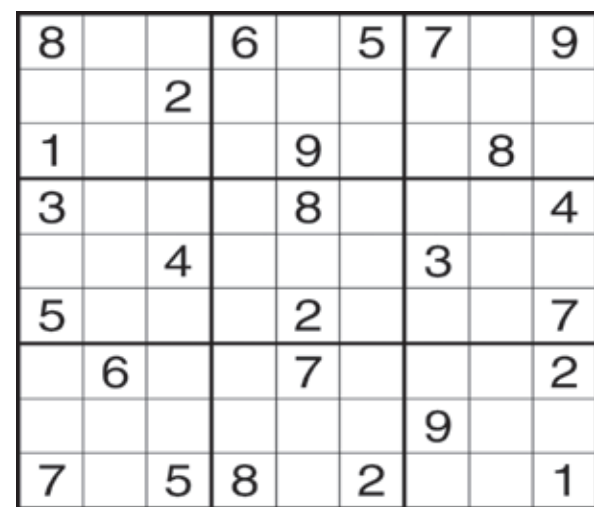
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## Conceptis Sudoku



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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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Think of me  
Think of me  
fondly ...

SPIN! SPIN!  
WOW!

oh my!

THE NEXT TOP DIVA

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Wishing you  
were somehow  
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BRAVA  
YAY!

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Erik, you  
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Panel 1: Marge Simpson and Bart Simpson enter the living room. Homer Simpson is sitting in his armchair, reading the newspaper. Marge says, "WE'LL BE BACK LATER, DAD... THERE'S STUFF GOING ON AT THE MALL". Bart says, "WHAT KIND OF STUFF?".

Panel 2: Marge asks, "WHAT KIND OF STUFF?".

Panel 3: Bart says, "JUST MALL STUFF".

Panel 4: Bart asks, "WHAT'S GOING ON, MR. B.?", while Homer is still reading the newspaper. A dog is lying on the floor.

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WHAT'S THAT SOUND?

FURNACE. THE POWER IS BACK ON!

VRRRRRR

RRRRRRR

YES! YES! WE'RE SAVED!

BE HONEST, HOW CLOSE DID WE COME TO CANNIBALISM?

I'M GONNA RESET THE CLOCKS.

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- 14 Run-in
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- 17 Extremely
- 18 Tossing game
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- 6 Diving birds

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# Inmates battling addiction get an unlikely ally: A puppy

By MICHAEL CASEY  
Associated Press  
BOSCAWEN, N.H. (AP)

— Caitlin Hyland's New Hampshire jail cell looks like those of many of her fellow inmates, featuring family photos, a few books and a cot. But one thing sets it apart: the cage on the floor for a 10-week-old puppy.

Hyland, a 28-year-old from Concord, New Hampshire, who is serving time for a drug conviction, is one of four inmates at the Merrimack County jail who are training puppies. In a partnership between a group called Hero Pups and the jail, two male and two female inmates, who are all in the jail's drug treatment program, will raise the puppies for the next two months. They will eventually be handed over to military veterans and first responders who are struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder and other challenges. "It feels like a second chance," Hyland said of being chosen to raise the chocolate Labrador retriever mix puppy. She must feed the dog three times a



In this Jan. 8, 2019, photo, inmate Caitlin Hyland gives a treat to a chocolate lab puppy that lives in her cell at Merrimack County Jail in Boscawen, N.H.

day, walk it every two hours for 20 minutes and is giving it obedience training. The dog stays with her around the clock.

"It's just amazing to have that unconditional love," she continued. "I am learning so much about finding the balance. You have to

love yourself before you can appreciate the love something else is giving you."

Justin Martin, another inmate, says his dog has given him a sense of purpose. "Knowing he is going on to help someone else is totally huge for me," said Mar-

tin, 33, of Barnstead, New Hampshire. "With me and my sobriety and recovery, it's just really a life-changer. He is really changing two lives."

The program is the first of its kind in New Hampshire but mirrors similar programs around the country

in which inmates raise and care for animals, typically dogs.

NEADS World Class Service Dogs works with inmates at seven facilities in Massachusetts and Rhode Island to train service dogs, while Leader Dogs For the Blind works with prisons in Minnesota, Iowa and Michigan in raising puppies that eventually become guide dogs for people who are blind. At one program at the Erie County Correctional Facility in New York, inmates raise pheasant chicks that are then released into the wild.

Supporters of the programs say the puppies get a dedicated trainer while the inmates learn to be more caring, compassionate and enterprising — skills that can help them once they are released. Several studies suggest that puppy programs in prisons and jails have reduced anxiety and depression among inmates and increased morale among staff. Some groups say the programs have lowered recidivism rates, though it's unclear what role the puppies played. □

# China broadcasts spacecraft pictures from moon's far side



In this photo released by Xinhua News Agency, the screen at the Beijing Aerospace Control Center shows the lander of the Chang'e-4 probe, right, and the rover Yutu-2 (Jade Rabbit-2) taking photos of each other, Friday, Jan. 11, 2019.

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**BEIJING (AP)** — China on Friday broadcast pictures taken by its rover and lander on the moon's far side, in what its space program hailed as another triumph for the groundbreaking mission to the less-understood sector of the lunar surface. The pictures on state broadcaster CCTV showed the Jade Rabbit 2 rover and the Chang'e 4 spacecraft that transported it on the first-ever soft landing on the far side of the moon, which always faces away from Earth.

"The lander, its rover, and the relay satellite are all in a stable condition. They have reached the predetermined engineering goals, right now they are getting into the stage of scientific searches," Zhang Kejian, director of the China Na-

tional Space Administration, said before engineers at the Beijing center.

"Now I declare that the Chang'e 4 mission, as a part of the Chang'e Lunar Exploration Program, has been a success," Zhang said.

Pictures transmitted back show a rocky surface with the jagged edge of craters in the background, posing a challenge for controllers in plotting the rover's future travels, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

Among the images is a 360-degree panorama stitched together from 80 photos taken by a camera on the lander after it released the rover onto the lunar surface, Xinhua said, citing Li Chunlai, deputy director of the National Astronomical Observatories of China and commander-in-

chief of the ground application system of Chang'e 4. "From the panorama, we can see the probe is surrounded by lots of small craters, which was really thrilling," Li was quoted as saying.

The space administration also released a 12-minute video of Chang'e 4's landing utilizing more than 4,700 images taken by an on-board camera. The probe is shown adjusting its altitude, speed and pitch as it seeks to avoid obstacles on the ground.

Researchers hope that low-frequency observations of the cosmos from the far side of the moon, where radio signals from Earth are blocked, will help scientists learn more about the early days of the solar system and birth of the universe's first stars. □

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# One Championship looks to make MMA splash in States

By DAN GELSTON, AP Sports Writer

How many casual American sports fans about a year ago had heard of One? Try none.

OK, maybe that's a bit of a reach. But the Singapore-based mixed martial arts organization was an afterthought at best in the United States among the hodgepodge of companies trying to put a dent in UFC's heavyweight share of the combat sports marketplace.

Try ignoring One Championship now.

After staging shows for seven years across Asia from Myanmar to China, One has come out swinging in the U.S. — throwing millions at big-name free agents, signing a major cable TV deal and raising capital needed to not only keep its grip as the dominant MMA promotion of the East, but perhaps use global expansion to eventually rival UFC as the champ of the West. "They're making a serious push," One fighter Eddie Alvarez said. "I don't think it's going to be long before you can crown them one of the top promotions in the world. They've done everything possible in their favor to become that."

Alvarez, a Philadelphia native, should know as well as any fighter about One's commitment to becoming a major player in the U.S. fight game.

"The Underground King" has fought for several MMA promotions and made his name in Bellator as a two-time lightweight champion and in UFC where he won the same title in 2016 and headlined the promotion's first card in Madison Square Garden against Conor McGregor.

The 34-year-old Alvarez became a free agent after his last fight in July 2018 and decided to explore his options outside UFC.

He traveled to Singapore and met One founder and CEO Chatri Sityodtong and learned U.S. expansion plans and acquiring other name fighters were on the horizon, as well as ongoing



In this July 24, 2018, file photo, reigning ONE featherweight and lightweight world champion Martin Nguyen addresses reporters during a news conference for the ONE Championship mixed martial arts event in Pasay city, south of Manila, Philippines.

talks that would broadcast fights in America.

Alvarez was impressed, not just by One's outline for the future, but in a multimillion dollar contract offer that he says makes him one of the highest-paid fighters in the sport.

"Our deal is more in the lines of a real pro sport deal, like football or baseball," Alvarez said.

"The package deal is an eight-figure deal. When we brought that to the UFC to match it, they declined matching it and I had to move forward. I'm happy I did because One Championship is the only major promotion that I have not won and conquered the world title in. It's history and legacy for me."

Alvarez was part of a flurry of transactions that put MMA fans on notice that One was intent on becoming a singular sensation. One obtained Demetrious Johnson, the long-reigning UFC flyweight champion better known as "Mighty Mouse," in a trade with UFC — yes, a trade — for Ben Askren. Sage Northcutt, once hailed as a future UFC star, also signed with One. Meisha Tate, a former 135-pound champion in UFC and Strikeforce, has signed on as One's vice president and was set to move to Singapore.

One strengthened its roster with notable U.S.-based talent ahead of a North American television deal with Turner Sports.

The three-year deal will see One content broadcast on Turner's platforms including TNT, which is received by more than 90 million households in the United States, as well as streaming platform Bleacher Report Live and other Turner properties. Turner, which also broadcasts the NBA and the NCAA Tournament, is set to air 24 events in 2019 on its various outlets. B/R Live will stream One: Eternal Glory on Jan. 19 from Jakarta, Indonesia.

That date is already familiar to MMA fans — UFC is running its debut show on ESPN-plus the same night (yet in different time zones).

Johnson and Alvarez will make their One Championship debuts on March 31 in Japan in tournament competition.

"I'm not the smallest guy in the organization anymore," the 5-foot-3 Johnson said. "In America, everybody always looked at me as a child. I won't have that issue when I'm in Asia competing."

More elite fighters could be on their way to One.

Alvarez, who said he left on good terms with UFC and President Dana White, has

peers.

"Every fighter in town is sliding into my DMs. What's going on? What are you being offered?" Alvarez said, laughing.

Sityodtong, raised in Thailand and a graduate of Harvard Business School, is the self-made multimillionaire entrepreneur behind One. He's made a name as the most powerful MMA executive in Asia and has trained and coached in martial arts. Alvarez was wowed — and wooed — by Sityodtong's approach toward building One into an American MMA juggernaut.

"In three years, our goal is 100 million live viewers per event, making us as big as Super Bowl Sunday," Sityodtong said at the press conference to introduce Alvarez. □

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suddenly become quite popular among his MMA

## Motown Museum unveils artifacts to mark 60th anniversary



This Dec. 2, 2014 file photo shows the exterior of the Motown Museum in Detroit.

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**DETROIT (AP)** — Pieces of Motown's origin story that haven't been seen by the public will go on display in Detroit as part of the label's 60th anniversary celebration. The Motown Museum says it will display several items, including documents that show label founder Berry Gordy Jr.'s repayment of the \$800 family loan that helped launch the company with a recording in 1959. The museum plans to unveil the artifacts Friday afternoon on its Facebook page. The official display will open to the public Saturday at the museum. Officials say the museum plans more displays throughout the year. The Motown Museum is located where Gordy launched his music empire. Scores of stars, including the Supremes, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, and the Miracles, recorded hits there before Motown decamped to California in 1972. □



# Humble Pacific island movie star Mungau Dain dies in mid-20s

By **NICK PERRY, Associated Press**

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)** — Mungau Dain had never considered acting before he starred in the Oscar-nominated film "Tanna." He got the role because his elders decided he was the best-looking guy in their traditional village on the Pacific island nation of Vanuatu. They would later describe him as their answer to Brad Pitt.

Dain died Saturday in the capital Port Vila, after contracting a leg infection that wasn't quickly treated. He was in his mid-20s.

Martin Butler, who co-directed "Tanna," said Dain wasn't a natural actor but was very enthusiastic, learned quickly, and ended up giving a fabulous performance. The 2015 movie won a number of awards, including two at the Venice Film Festival, and was nominated for an Academy Award for best foreign language film.

Dain is survived by his wife, Nancy, and two children.



This Sept. 9, 2015, file photo shows Mungau Dain in Venice, Italy. Associated Press.

His village, Yakel, on Tanna island, remains in a traditional two-week mourning period.

Jimmy Joseph, the cultural director for Tanna island, said Dain was quiet, humble and respected in Yakel, where he had chosen to remain living even after achieving some fame in the movie. He said Dain never drank or smoke.

People in the village typically choose to live as they have for centuries, in simple

thatch huts and wearing nothing but grass skirts or a penis shield called a nambas. They raise crops and pigs, and observe a traditional way of life known as kastom.

But the village isn't completely isolated from modern life. When villagers make the trek to the island's main town to sell the coffee beans they've grown or buy rice, they usually wear clothes. Some have cellphones, which they charge with small solar panels.

When Australia-based But-

ler and Bentley Dean decided to make the movie, which is loosely based on a true story, Butler said they quickly realized the village elders would be doing the casting. He said Dain looked too old for the role with his full beard, but 10 minutes later he'd shaved it off at their request.

He said he fondly remembers how awkward Dain was when trying to act in a scene in which he was supposed to lift co-star Marie Wawa in his arms and carry her along a river bed.

Butler said he and Dean plan to travel to Yakel at the end of the mourning period to join the village in celebrating Dain's life.

"I was totally devastated. He was so fit and young and gorgeous. His wife is fabulous and the kids are great," Butler said. "He was a great example of how you can live a totally different type of life, and still be completely happy."

Location producer Janita Suter, who lived in Yakel for seven months during filming with her husband, Dean, and their children, said if there was an award for most improved actor, it

would have to go to Dain. She said she doesn't think he'd even seen a movie before acting in one.

She said that when they traveled to Venice for the film festival, she was in her apartment when the chandelier and ceiling started shaking. It turned out it was Dain and the other villagers in the room above, stomping their feet in a traditional dance.

"He was a really proud ambassador for his people," she said. "It's a real loss."

She said Dain had been staying in Port Vila for the past couple of months as he tried to get a temporary visa to come to Australia and earn some money picking fruit.

She said a doctor had explained that Dain had got an infection in his leg that he didn't treat and by the time he was taken to the hospital he was unconscious and likely in septic shock.

Butler said he hoped there may be some way to get better information to people in Vanuatu about the risks of infections, and that Dain's death could act as a catalyst. □

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## Jackson allegations and fight over them return with new film

By **ANDREW DALTON, AP Entertainment Writer**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — An attorney representing two Michael Jackson accusers who appear in an upcoming documentary says their sexual-abuse allegations have not been discredited as the Jackson estate says, and deserve to be heard. Vince Finaldi, who represents Wade Robson and James Safechuck in lawsuits alleging Jackson molested them, said the suits were dismissed on technical grounds, not the credibility of the men's claims, and they are now under appeal.

The stories of Robson and Safechuck, who came forward as adults to say Jackson had sexually abused them for years when they



In this May 25, 2005 file photo, Michael Jackson arrives at the Santa Barbara County Courthouse for his child molestation trial in Santa Maria, Calif.

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were boys, will be heard again in the two-part, four-hour documentary "Leaving Neverland," which will air on HBO and British public broadcaster Channel 4 in the spring.

It premieres Jan. 25 at the

Sundance Film Festival, the channels announced Wednesday.

The Jackson estate released a statement saying the documentary is "just another rehash of dated and discredited allegations." □



# Restored Pompeii gladiator building open to public

By FRANCES D'EMILIO

Associated Press

**ROME (AP)** — A 2,000-year-old building where Roman gladiators in Pompeii trained for combat has opened to the public eight years after its collapse following rainfall.

The Pompeii archaeological site said the public can tour the Schola Armaturarum on Thursdays. Experts will explain their painstaking restoration of frescoes that decorated the site where gladiators trained before combat in the ancient Roman city.

Its opening was hailed by Italy's culture ministry as the "symbolic place of Pompeii's rebirth," following years of dismaying news that various ruins had crumbled amid modern-day neglect of the sprawling, once-flourishing city that was destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D.

The building, which has been previously excavated some 100 years ago, had also suffered heavy damage from World War II Allied bombing. A few years later, reinforced concrete was used to build a protective cover.



A woman looks at a fresco at the Schola Armaturarum building in Pompeii, Italy, Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019.

A park statement said prosecutors investigating the 2010 collapse didn't pinpoint responsibility. But it said there were several "probable" interlaced factors that were aggravated by days of heavy rain. Those factors included probable malfunction of a drainage system, the weight of the postwar addition of cement and iron and "lack of a planned system of moni-

toring and maintenance." Restoration work after the collapse did, however, bolster knowledge about the building's use, with archaeologists saying it appears to have served as a home to an ancient military association, which sometimes hosted banquets there.

Excavations carried out in part to shore up the structure revealed areas, apparently used by servants, to

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prepare for such banquets, as well as amphorae, or storage jugs, containing oil, fine wine and fish sauce imported from Crete, Sicily, Spain and Africa, the archaeological park said. Several other recent finds point to better days for the popular Pompeii tourist site. Among the more recent discoveries, the remains of a harnessed horse were found in an excavated sta-

ble of what was an ancient villa on Pompeii's outskirts. Other excavations have found well-preserved fresco decorations.

Massimo Osanna, director of the Pompeii archaeological site, said the archaeological park would concentrate on scheduled maintenance in hopes of preventing similar collapses.

"The time for extraordinary maintenance and restoration is over. Now the time for scheduled maintenance begins," Osanna said.

In 2013, Italy's government approved the appointment of a special superintendent to ensure that millions of euros in government and European Union funds for maintenance and restoration of the archaeological marvel and tourist site would be properly spent.

A rash of collapses of structures in ancient Pompeii had sparked concern about Pompeii's future. Days after the gladiators' training facilities crumbled into fragments, a stretch of garden wall ringing the ancient House of the Moralist gave way after days of torrential rain. □

## 'The First Conspiracy' unspools plot on Washington in 1776

By MICHAEL HILL

Associated Press

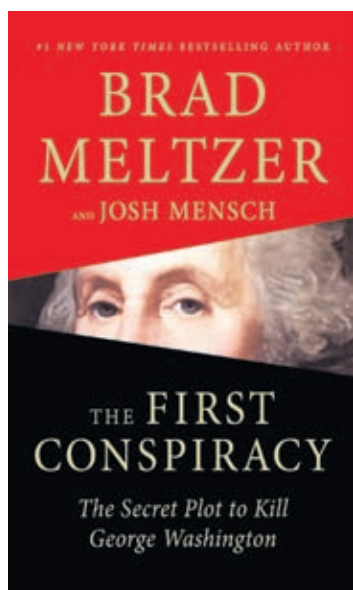
"The First Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill George Washington" (Flatiron Books), by Brad Meltzer and Josh Mensch

George Washington faced some big problems as he tried to fortify New York City against British forces in the summer of 1776.

His ragtag army was woefully short on weapons and battle experience. The British were assembling a massive expeditionary force to crush his army and snuff out the nascent revolution.

And one more thing: some of his own bodyguards were involved in a traitorous plot against him.

"The First Conspiracy" follows the shadowy plot that played out in and around Manhattan as Washing-



This cover image released by Flatiron Books shows "The First Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill George Washington," by Brad Meltzer and Josh Mensch.

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ton focused on the coming British attack. The odd assortment of characters

involved in this cloak-and-dagger tale include a scheming gunsmith, would-be counterfeiters and some members of Washington's elite bodyguard detachment, called the Life Guards.

Looming ominously over all the machinations was Gov. William Tyron, the top British official in New York. Rising revolutionary sentiment had forced him to retreat to a ship in New York Harbor, but he was still able to spin his webs of intrigue against the rebels.

It's not a spoiler to point out that the plot failed. Washington, of course, was just beginning his long, historical run on the world's stage. The only person to lose his life after the plot was exposed was bodyguard Thomas Hickey,

who was publicly hanged for "mutiny, sedition, and treachery."

So the authors extract what they can out of the historical record to tell a colorful story giving the reader a sense of Revolutionary-era Manhattan. The writing is punchy and the chapters are short, though the authors have an annoying habit of ending every chapter with a cliffhanger, even when they have to contrive one.

One big obstacle in telling the story is a lack of source material about the precise nature of the plot against Washington. It was a secret, after all. Washington and the British understandably kept mum about their intelligence and counterintelligence operations. Despite the book's subtitle, it's

not certain whether plotters planned to assassinate Washington or capture him (which, arguably, could have led to his execution anyway).

Many believed it was an assassination plot ever since Hickey went to the gallows. In one famous story, Washington was about to be served poisoned peas before a servant threw the plate out the window at the last second, saving the future president but killing some chickens outside who ate the deadly vegetables. That story is almost certainly apocryphal. But what was the most likely plan? Scouring the existing evidence, the authors come up with a conclusion that seems as good as any that can be drawn more than two centuries later. □





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